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# Singers Glen: An Informal Study of Historic Districting

by MARTHA CALDWELL, CAROLINE MARSHALL AND ROBERT SWANK

## PART I: THE PROCESS

### Remarks by Dr. Marshall

In 1972 Martha Caldwell, Robert Swank and I began on the long and bumpy road which led six years later to the listing of Singers Glen, Virginia as a historic site of the commonwealth and the nation. Each of us had his own separate interest in the project. I must say, in all humility, that we were an almost perfect team. This is not to imply that any one of us was brilliant, but among us we had all the necessary talents and training required for success. We were a combination which I recommend should you wish to do similar work.

Martha Caldwell is an art historian with a special interest in American Studies. She has enough training in architecture and architectural history to be able to identify and describe structures properly. She is also a good photographer. All buildings must be photographed, measured and described. It is immeasurably helpful if you have someone on the project who is competent to do these things.

J. Robert Swank is an amateur historian which simply means he is not formally trained in the field. He is a resident of Singers Glen and has for years combed local archives for information. His research is pure because he loves knowledge for its own sake. Also he has a huge collection of notes on every possible aspect of Glen life. Unlike many local historians, he long ago ceased being an antiquarian. He has drawn profound sociological and cultural conclusions from his research. For the Singers Glen project he was indispensable.

I am a professionally trained historian and probably the least implicitly valuable member of the group. Nevertheless, I have some skills which were useful. I compiled a bibliography of all known primary and secondary materials, wrote narrative descriptions of the historical evolution of the community and prepared a study of the German Anabaptist background of the settlers from which we drew certain conclusions about the

original character of the community. I also did lots of contact work with the natives. I am a resident of the area and vaguely related to the Funks.

It may be that our project was primarily successful because we did not approach it in an especially organized way. For example, on no occasion did we form a committee of any kind nor did we set ourselves deadlines. An effort of this kind is sensitive. It involves people's most cherished memories and most delicate fears. It brings into play a great many emotions, some of them conflicting madly within single individuals. Such a project exposes the nerve ends of civilization. It requires that people define themselves in ways they had not thought of before. Research includes more than simple archival study. It asks people to recall their fathers and mothers, to relive haunted childhoods, to dredge up old loves and old hates. At the conclusion, the researcher is asking these same people to put themselves in a position in which their absolute rights over personal property are jeopardized. Such research demands tact and charity.

In the process of historic districting, it is necessary first to obtain the "forms." The forms tell you what is expected so that you have a good idea from the beginning exactly what is involved. We obtained our forms from the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission. These materials are not extensive, but they do require very precise information. We began our work, and we would recommend that you do the same, with one structure. There are several reasons for this. The first has to do with the qualifications for any historic listing, whether it is one building or an entire community. In either case, you must be dealing with something which is historically interesting. If you do not have at least one historically interesting structure in a village full of buildings, the chances are very good that the village will not qualify anyway. Secondly, one structure will give you experience in the kind of work you will need to do for many other structures. If you grow exhausted or bored at this point, chances are very good that you will never be able to complete a much larger project. Thirdly, if you do complete work on a single structure, you will at least have succeeded in getting one listing. And lastly, you will have introduced a community to the project. One property owner will receive flattering letters on imposing stationery from Richmond and Washington. He will have his picture in the paper. He will look and feel important. Other

people in the community will begin to want the same status. Psychologically, this is invaluable.

From the beginning, it is necessary to impress on the community the specific qualifications for the listing of individual structures. A beautiful old building does not qualify of itself. It must be historic, which usually means that someone important lived or worked in it. Or, it must be really unique in its architecture and design or be very old and very rare in some way. This is often difficult for people to understand, and it is important to prevent misunderstanding and hurt feelings wherever you can. We were very lucky in Singers Glen. We had an obvious place to begin, a man of historic importance and a beautiful and unique community. The man was Joseph Funk (1777-1862).

We then had the basic ingredient for success in a relatively famous local figure whose residence was still standing. The owner of the Joseph Funk House, Miss Ruth Swank, was anxious to be listed and she cooperated in every possible way. After we had completed our formal research on the house and on Joseph Funk, we submitted this work to a representative of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission. He came to Singers Glen, talked to Miss Swank, checked and accepted our work. In 1974, two years after we had begun, the Joseph Funk House was a state and national shrine. We then proceeded to research the entire community. Here we were fortunate because eighty-five percent of all structures were pre-1900. The standards of vernacular architecture were high and most buildings were quite well preserved. Among the most difficult of our tasks was individual research on each house in which we traced its ownership and confirmed its construction date. Each house or structure in an historic district must be submitted with the name and the address of the present owner. You should be forewarned that if you aspire to national listing, the Department of the Interior will contact the owner of every building submitted. They will explain the meaning of national registration, send a copy of the Federal Tax Reform of 1976 and give the owner an opportunity to agree or disagree with the procedure. At this point, it is critical that your public relations work has been of the highest order. People tend to be frightened by communication from the "Feds." They should be forewarned and reassured. They should have ready access to local people whom they trust. This is a deed best accomplished on an individual basis. We do not recommend general meetings in which individual egos

may come into play or one person's hysteria may influence the entire group. Obviously, all of this takes a great deal of time.

Another time consuming activity is the preparation of the local government. After your research work has been accepted by the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, you must make an effort to get the endorsement of your local government. In our case, it was the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham County. Dr. Caldwell and I and a member of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission met with the Chairman of the Board and the County Administrator. In this session we were able to explain the meaning of historic districting and answer any doubts which lingered in the minds of these two critical men. Before our meeting we solicited letters of support from half of the community. We included not only residents of the village, but most importantly, owners of farms in the outlying area. This indicated to the Board that we had a highly traditional agricultural community which was not interested in the dubious pleasures of development. Since it is not reasonable to suppose that so many people will write these letters, however sympathetic they may be to the cause, you will probably have to write them yourself. Each letter should be short and should contain some personal reference to the signatory's ties with the community. Make sure that each signatory reads his letter and agrees with its content. He will then sign it, and you will buy the stamp and mail it. This was our most effective tool in dealing with local government. We might have used a petition, but it would not have been as effective. Politicians are deeply moved by large numbers of letters from their constituents.

The Chairman of the Board will then submit your request for districting to the members in a routine meeting. We think it is better not to request an open meeting because such a request may imply confrontation, even when none is intended. We received our endorsement within a week of submission in a regular meeting of the Board. Such endorsement is necessary. The Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission is even now in litigation over the status of Historic Green Springs, Virginia. The weakest point for the Commission's case was the lack of endorsement by the local government. It now wants to seal this breach for all time. If one is able to surmount the hurdle of local endorsement and Department of the Interior inquiries, the matter should be closed.

The question is, why all this trouble and bother in the first place. What do you get from historic districting that is of value? First of all, the people of the area obtain certain tax reliefs in regard to repair and rehabilitation and they are eligible for certain kinds of federal matching funds. Now that Virginia has passed a tax reform in the area of preservation, there will be possibilities for help from the Commonwealth. These tax measures need to be studied and explained to the residents. Although the Federal Government sends lengthy explanations of the 1976 Act, it reads very poorly. Like many communications from Washington, it is difficult for mere humans to comprehend. The League of Women Voters can provide a fine explanation of the recent Virginia law. Also, you may be sure that there will never be an international airport in your area, nor will great highways destroy the integrity of your community. You are not assured that change will not take place, but you have a vehicle of protest. It is reasonable to suppose that if you have obtained the kind of public support required for districting in the first place, that the residents of the community value the beauty and integrity of the place in which they live. They now have a proper vehicle for pressure against exploitation. It is very difficult for an individual to override this kind of unity for his own selfish purposes. He may legally do very many things. He may even tear down a structure. But the tax laws will punish him and his neighbors will probably harass him. It will simply no longer be practical to destroy or mutilate the community for one's own selfish purposes.

## PART II: THE PLACE AND THE PEOPLE

A Slide Presentation by Dr. Caldwell

Singers Glen is both a village and a larger community surrounding the village. There is some controversy over the precise boundaries of the latter. For example, the local newspaper has an unfortunate habit of including the foothills of Little North Mountain wherein dwell all sorts of miscreants. Two things are clear: the perimeters of the community form a sort of mystical line between the people of grace within and the barbarians without and citizenship in the Glen, like citizenship in heaven, is more than a matter of simple geography.



Singers Glen — Joseph Funk home

The community was founded largely by three families: the Funks, the Swanks and the Ackers. They had the same general European (German Protestant) background, having migrated to British America from the Palatine in the early eighteenth century. By the end of the century they were settled in Western Rockingham County.

Although the Funks were clearly German Anabaptists peasants, the record is not complete for the other families. Both Swanks and Ackers are found on the early records of the Antioch Christian Church which may indicate an early Calvinist tradition. German Calvinists were almost as disadvantaged as German Anabaptists and would have felt some of the same pressure to immigrate.

Clearly, there were significant differences in life-style among these first generation settlers of Western Rockingham. One need only compare the elaborate brick mansion of John Swank (1832) and the little weatherboarded cabin of Joseph Funk to comprehend the difference. Neither the Swanks nor the Ackers shared the Funks preoccupation with religious ideas and musical creativity. It was the Funks who first built the Glen and made it famous. We shall begin with them.

The Funks migrated to Franconia, Pennsylvania in 1719 after two centuries of persecution. From the religious wars which dominated German life from 1520 to 1650 they had emerged Anabaptists (Mennonite). They acquired and lost property in the course of many land settlements. In the end they were driven to leave the Palatine for both religious and economic reasons. They prospered in the new world. Henry Funk was the first Mennonite Bishop in America. His family acquired land and wealth. However, the American Revolution disrupted everything. Like many of their neighbors, the Funks were trapped by politics and war. They were pacifists caught between two armies. Dissension broke out in the family. In 1786 Henry Funk the Second left his home for Virginia. He settled northwest of the village which his son Joseph (1777-1862) would found.

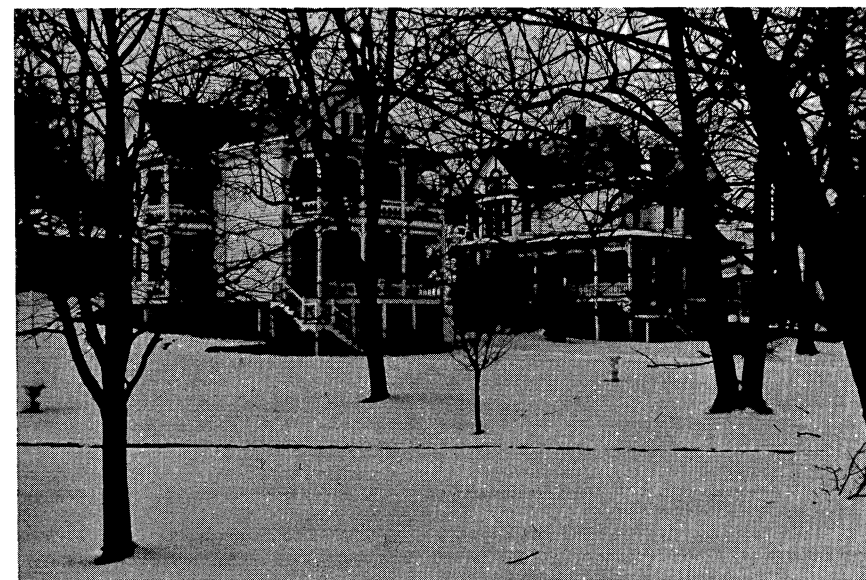
In 1810 Joseph Funk built a little weatherboarded cabin on what is today the western perimeter of the village. No one knows how he was educated or why he proceeded to do such remarkable things. He was literate in both German and English and was interested in religion and music. He began publishing religious music in the shaped note tradition. Joseph Funk did not invent this system although his grandson, Aldine Kieffer, made some original changes in it at the end of the century.

In 1847 Funk set up a printing press in a little loom house over the spring which was the reason for his selection of the property. There for almost thirty years the Funks printed music and religious tracts. With his sons Joseph Funk set up singing schools in which the shaped note system was used. Lean-to sheds were set up against the little house to house the students. The sons of Joseph Funk traveled far and near teaching music and, incidentally, creating a market for their father's song books. The most famous of the latter was *Genuine Church Music*, more popularly known as *Harmonia Sacra*. There was also a wide market for a musical periodical, initiated by Joseph and his sons, entitled *The Southern Musical Advocate and Singers' Friend* (1859-61; 1867-69).

A close look at the Joseph Funk House makes all this seem impossible. It is small with tiny rooms, an enclosed stairway and lovely exposed beams. But it is *so small*. Imagine Joseph Funk carrying on a great creative enterprise here with thirteen children and assorted students! The loom house in which the printing and bindery work was done was even smaller and simpler. It was built of log and collapsed sometime prior to 1934.

Next door to the Joseph Funk House are the two huge, tall houses which his grandsons, William and Joseph Funk, built in the 1890's. They illustrate how far the family had come in three generations of village Funks. In their Victorian grandeur they stand in alarming contrast to the home of the Founding Father. However, to continue the story in chronological order, we must skip these then and look at a much simpler dwelling adjacent to them on the East.

The Funk-Acker House was built about 1850 by Timothy Funk a son of Joseph and father of Willie and Joe. The land and structures in this part of town are graphic illustrations of change and expansion in the Funk family in the nineteenth century. Timothy was a seminal figure in the transition from the original Funk ethic, religious, creative, highly individualistic to a more mainstream American point of view.



Singers Glen — Homes of Joseph Funk's grandsons

In 1876 the first Baptist congregation was organized. Twelve years later it built a church next door to Timothy on land given by him. It is a monument to his family's friendly new face to the world. Its doctrines were sufficiently modern to permit participation in public institutions and secular society while at the same time preserving the spirit of the original Anabaptist

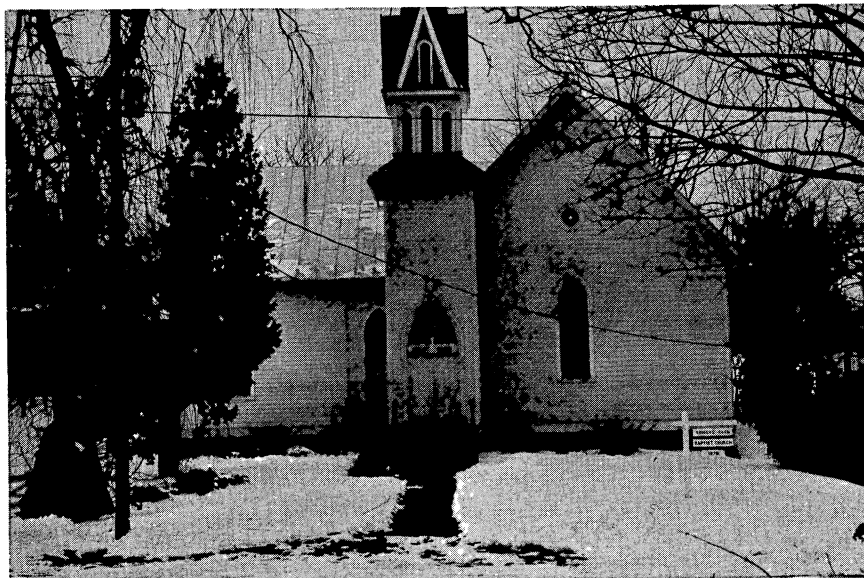


tradition. The younger Funks were apparently converted by a Baptist missionary at Turleytown during the Civil War.

1876 is also the year in which the Funk Press left Singers Glen for Dayton, taking with it the material and moral heart of the old regime. Two years following, in 1878, T. Funk and Sons Mercantile was founded. Directly across the road from the Funk-Acker House and the Baptist Church stands the mercantile's last home, T. Funk and Sons (1895), an huge, imposing, false-fronted brick stone. Today it seems quite incredible that Singers Glen could have once boasted such enterprise.

Let's look at these buildings carefully. The Funk-Acker House recalls the typical solid frame valley farmhouse of the period. It is bigger than the Joseph Funk House. In spite of the later addition of a parlor during the residence of Timothy's son-in-law, State Senator John Acker, it has a certain gracious symmetry. In no way, however, does it equal in size or grandeur the twin houses of Willie and Joe. The conclusion is simple. Timothy got rich and rather worldly. His sons got richer and worldlier still.

The church, like everything else, is homemade. It is simple and frame like Timothy's house. However, it has certain distinguishing features. The variety of designs on the steeple are



Singers Glen — Baptist Church

interesting. The beautiful wood carving over the doors and windows is unusual. One wonders why local carpenters, John and Edwin Funk, would have used a French Medieval symbol like the fleur-de-lis. Perhaps they saw it in a copy book and thought it resembled a cross, which it does. The tiny round window is lost in the great expanse of the front surface. Were they attempting a primitive form of rose window which they could not quite bring off? The whole effect is very charming, reflecting an imagination caught between rural simplicity and a yearning for something more subtle, more sophisticated.

If the church represented the domain of the spirit in Singers Glen, T. Funk and Sons represented the domain of wealth and worldly power. It is an enormous building even without the 1905 addition. Constructed of two stories of brick with a pressed tin false front it was apparently built by Fred Baer, son of Hannah Funk Baer, and Timothy's nephew. It is similar in workmanship to an imposing brick bank building in Timberville. Fred Baer's papers prove that he was responsible for every aspect of the construction of the bank. There is as yet no documentary evidence of his relationship to the store, but the physical evidence is very great.

T. Funk and Sons was used for all sorts of diverse activities. It was a clearing house for Funk businesses: orchards, apple packing and shipping, timber, cattle and wool, as well as serving as a general store. It was also used for public gatherings, school functions, patent medicine shows, silent movies and town meetings. When Willie Funk's son-in-law, Dr. C. S. Dodd, was suffering a low point in his career, he talked the parents of Singers Glen into having their children's tonsils removed. The store became the scene of a tonsillectomy en masse, and there is today an entire generation of sixtish villagers who are sans tonsils.

The store was used, too, as a meeting place for the local Republican Committee. It is in this setting that the meaning of the triangle of house, church and store becomes complete, because the other half of the Funk-Acker House was Senator John Acker (1845 - 1923), County Superintendent, member of the House of Delegates, State Senator, undisputed leader of the local Republicans (for a time) and Timothy Funk's son-in-law. In addition to material power, there was political advantage.

John Acker was a curious man. He came from the Linville-Edom area, served in the Confederate Army with considerable distinction, married Jennie (Mary Jane) Funk and became a



Republican. He also became a Singers Glen Baptist in a private immersion. At one time the Republican Committee was comprised of John Acker, his father-in-law, his brother-in-law, his son-in-law and a few others. There were rumors of vote-buying, helped along by an old gentleman who, after casting his ballot in the store, announced that he had voted for T. Funk and Sons and a new pair of shoes! Senator Acker approved of success. When one of his daughters married a preacher with no prospects, he cast her out, declaring she could return in her coffin. He relented only when the preacher became surprisingly well-to-do. In his final years Senator Acker suffered a devastating loss of wealth and power. His decline probably began with a coup in the Republican Committee in which the family machine lost control. Crippling arthritis demoralized him, and expensive "cures" sapped his wealth. At least he moved into the Glen with his wife and unmarried daughter, Miss Eva Acker. Miss Eva served her parents with a loyalty both admirable and sad. Her love for this proud, hard man is the kindest witness he left behind.

Two additional pre-1900 structures reveal much about the early history of the Glen. The Funk-Gray House was built by Edwin Funk in 1892. He was a grandson of Joseph Funk and a great carpenter. In a time before pre-fab Edwin not only built, but *designed* his own home. He was an artist, and the intricate porch carvings and window decorations are almost musical in their gentle harmony.

Such creativity is striking and important because by the end of the nineteenth century, the original Funk commitment to art was rapidly fading. Next door to the Funk-Gray House is another carry-over from the old creative tradition. Miss Beulah Baer lives in the home of her paternal grandmother, Hannah Funk Baer. Miss Beulah is the daughter of Fred Baer, an important builder and designer of the 1880's and 1890's. Mr. Baer specialized in stone masonry. The lovely bluestone wall which surrounds the Baptist parsonage (1889) is one of his finest achievements. Miss Beulah Baer has spent most of her life working for the Passport Office of the Department of State in New York. However, she has managed a second career in painting and has recently published her autobiography. The stream of individualism and creativity has not quite disappeared.

When we come to the little house just beyond the Baptist Church, we reach an important line of demarcation in the village. This is the Franklin-Ridgely House (1891). Mr. Benjamin Frank-

lin was the first mayor of Singers Glen, elected following its incorporation in 1894. Incorporation was probably the result of pressure from T. Funk and Sons and the Schaffer Carriage Works, both of which were anxious to facilitate their businesses through the addition of duckbill sidewalks. They were not anxious, however, to pay for same; thus the act of incorporation and a tax. Benjamin Franklin was not intimately involved with either of the major village clans. In addition, he was a man of impeccable honesty. His house is a curious scaled-down version of the Willie and Joe Funk twins. In it he kept a large family plus a basement jail for Saturday night offenders. His wife cooked for the prisoners.

Beyond the Benjamin Franklin House is the East End of the Glen, the domain of the Swanks, their relations and appendages. This break on Main Street is clean and sharp. As we noted previously, the Swanks settled in Western Rockingham County at about the same time as the Funks. We have discussed the first generation differences between the Swanks and the Funks. In the second generation, the assets of John Swank were split among several heirs. Of these, J. Perry Swank, a farmer and stockman, was probably the most successful. In the third generation, the Swanks became important in the history of Singers Glen when S. Henton Swank opened a store in the village in 1890. Later on, Henton Swank and his son-in-law, Don Ruddle, acquired the orchards formerly owned by T. Funk and Sons. It is important to note that the sons of Timothy Funk lost most of their extensive properties at about the time Ruddle and Swank acquired the orchards and the apple packing business.

The east end of the village is therefore in some part a record of the Swank ascendancy in the early twentieth century. We are going to look at three buildings which reflect the social and economic development. The first is the Swank-Ruddle House, the history of which is a graphic demonstration of change. It was formerly the Jacob Freeze House, a brick residence built west of the Singers Glen cemetery in 1826. In 1885, T. Funk dismantled it and moved it into the village where he apparently intended to use it as some sort of business establishment. Instead, he sold it to George Shaffer, a Swank in-law, who made it into a carriage factory. In 1903, S. Henton Swank purchased it and turned it into a residence. Eventually it passed to Mr. Swank's daughter, Mabel Swank Ruddle, and her husband, Mr. Don Ruddle, who was also her father's business partner.

The next building we want to consider is the Singers Glen Post Office, formerly the Swank store. It was built by S. Henton Swank in 1890. With the exception of a few months in 1961, it has been the Singers Glen Post Office since 1914, when it replaced T. Funk and Sons as home for the United States Mails. The first Postmaster was Mrs. Maude Swank Lee (d. 1974). Today her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Lee MacAllister is the Postmaster. It is an almost perfect example of the rural Virginia commercial building. Although it is no longer a store, it is still an important part of community life. A final structure which illustrates the development of the Swank family is the Donovan Memorial United Methodist Church. It was built in 1905 to replace the former Union Chapel from which the Baptist Funks had seceded in 1888. The Swanks were Church of the Brethren. The 1905 church was named in honor of an early pastor, John D. Donovan, a Swank in-law.

This is a remarkably attractive building. At first glance it may appear to be simply another provincial rendition of Perpendicular Gothic. On closer inspection, the viewer will note the interesting three-dimensional brickwood on the towers which makes this church unique in the Valley. A process of unification has brought the church to its present United Methodist status.

#### Conclusion

It is obvious that in Singers Glen, we have a nineteenth century jewel. In it, we are provided not only with a textbook overview of nineteenth century architecture, but with intriguing social history as well. Singers Glen will probably always be most important because Joseph Funk established his press there. However, it is our hope that in the future we may explore all of the many facets of this village, both architectural and social. We hope you have some feeling for the life there and that you will visit us soon. Seeing is believing!

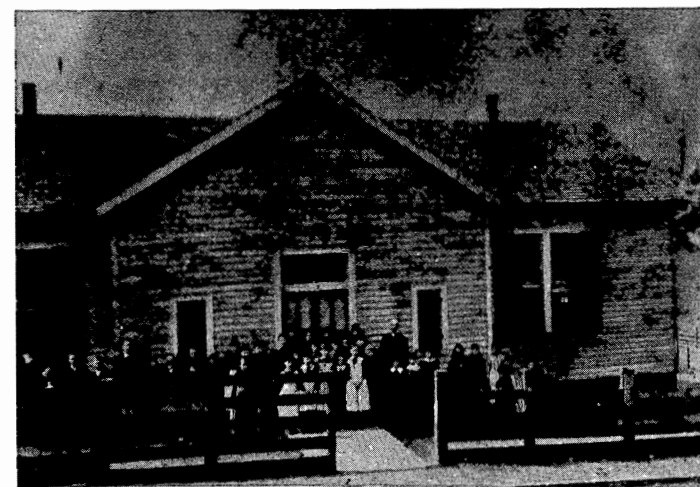
## Some photographic views of Waynesboro in the 19th century\*

#### \*Editor's note

These pictures of Waynesboro were received too late to be included in the Fall, 1978, issue of the Augusta Historical Bulletin. We are very pleased to include them with this issue.



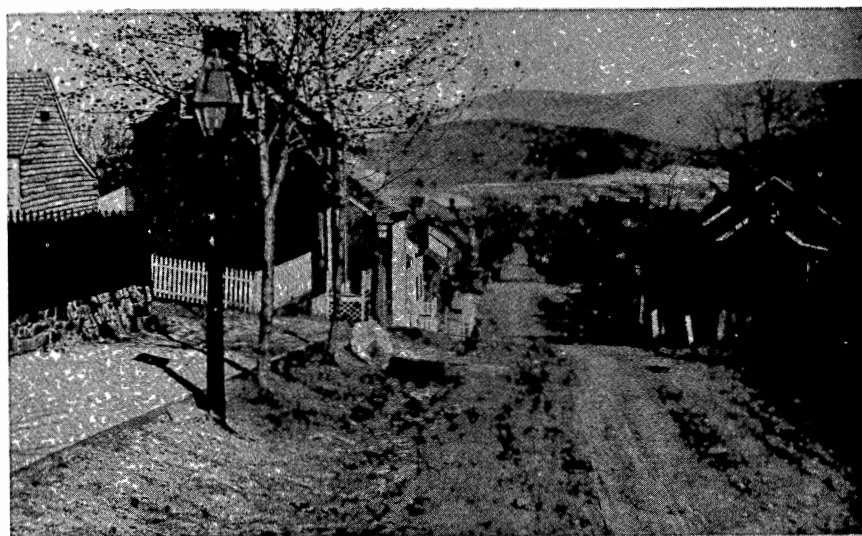
Martin Coyner and others.



Waynesboro Public School.



Withrow House, Waynesboro.



West Main Street Looking East.

## GYPSY HILL PARK

By Harry E. Baylor, Jr.

Reprint from *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, July 9, 1939

"For a city of its size, Staunton has one of the most beautiful and well-kept parks I have ever seen." This is the constant refrain of visitors — and they are right; Gypsy Hill Park is a place of beauty.

In every direction spread close-clipped lawns thickly dotted with trees, shrubs and neat flower beds, intersected by trim gravel walks. Through it all meander stone-lined creeks, spanned here and there by a picturesque stone bridge or impeded by a rock dam.

Ducks and stately swans glide over a small lake, in the center of which an ancient weeping willow tree rises from a tiny island. The swan lake is the keynote of the quiet beauty which pervades the park.

In autumn, the brilliant and varied colors of the trees make a gorgeous picture, and soon after the leaves fall, everything is made as trim and clean as a battleship. A winter blanket of snow gives another aspect of beauty, and the glorious awakening of spring completes the cycle.

But Gypsy Hill Park has practical as well as esthetic value. It is truly a playground for those of all ages from Staunton and its vicinity.

On hot summer days, hundreds throng the 150-foot swimming pool and 30-foot wading pool, built and operated by the Staunton Fire Department.

The golfer finds a good nine-hole course with nominal green fees, and there are tennis courts and an outdoor badminton court.

The baseball field, admittedly the best in this section of the State, was equipped last year for night playing by an organization of ardent fans. Here the city recently erected a fine grandstand seating approximately 500.

The hockey field has been utilized by the physical education department of Stuart Hall, Staunton's famous Episcopal preparatory school for girls. Next fall, however, the school will have its own field, and this site has been converted into a softball diamond. The very active, but long homeless, Staunton Softball League, sponsored by the Y. M. C. A., is raising funds so that this field, too, may be lighted.

The children's playground, with standard equipment, is the hub of activities for the city's organized summer playground program.

Automobile riding in Gypsy Hill Park is perennially popular. A mile and a half of hard-surfaced driveway winds among the trees, and another half mile of gravelled road leads to the highest point in the park from which there is a pleasing view of part of the city. Even on the hottest days it is cool riding through the arboreal tunnels, and generations of Staunton motorists have had their first driving lessons in Gypsy Hill. This driveway is also popular with hikers and bicyclists, and its edge is much used as a bridle path. Both bicycles and horses may be rented near by.

Every Monday night throughout the summer, Staunton's historic Stonewall Brigade Band gives a concert at the park. Scores sit about on benches and watch their children play around the bandstand as they themselves did not so long ago. Other hundreds listen from automobiles parked on the edges of the encircling driveway and applaud with their horns.

Also during the summer, one of the Staunton churches holds its Sunday evening services in the park, and these early outdoor vespers attract many who otherwise would not attend a religious service at all.

Gypsy Hill Park seems to be the mecca of picnickers, and two outdoor ovens and stone tables with benches are placed about the park for their convenience. All summer long, they come — from small family groups to outings of large organizations. At the height of the season, there are often 2,000 to 3,000 people in the park in one day, and the family reunion notices in the local papers bear witness to the popularity of Gypsy Hill with these groups.

Various local organizations also sponsor lawn parties in the park which attract large crowds. One of the spaces for these affairs is permanently wired for lighting.

For a week each late summer, the fairground—a part of the park since 1893—is the scene of the Staunton Fair, which is attended by thousands from the surrounding territory.

For short and infrequent intervals during the winter, the lake within the fairground racetrack furnishes ice skating.

The old pavilion, built in 1890, now serves as a home for the local American Legion post.

Each summer all the Negro churches of Staunton and the surrounding territory as far as Lexington and Harrisonburg unite

for a Sunday school picnic, and the entire facilities of Gypsy Hill Park—with the single exception of the swimming pool—are turned over to them for that day.

The land which now comprises Gypsy Hill Park was not originally acquired by the city for recreational purposes, but for its many springs which were needed to supplement the city's water supply. Evidence of this phase of the park's history is yet visible; the former pump house still stands beside the main entrance gate, and the park is dotted with small brick spring houses.

In 1876, the city purchased 30.38 acres from the executor of William W. Donaghe. The next year a small tract of the land of Robert Knightley was acquired by condemnation proceedings and added to this water works property. In 1881, the city purchased the water rights to the adjoining grounds of the Baldwin Augusta Fair Company, and two years later, 50 acres belonging to Miss Mary Donaghe were added.

The first step toward a park was taken in 1887. The water committee recommended to Council that "about 200 feet square" in front of the pump house be converted into a small park. It was two years later, however, before anything like the present park was envisioned. On May 7, 1889, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by City Council upon motion of Councilman W. P. Tams:

*"Whereas the city now owns 85 acres of land in rear of the pumping-house of the city Water Works, on which the head springs that supply the city with water are located, and whereas in order to protect said springs it is necessary for the city to forever retain control of said land and whereas the people of our city have no pleasure resort and those who live in small houses without yards are without the use of a cool and shady place to spend a few hours on close and sultry evenings —*

*"Therefore, Be it resolved, 1st, That the 85 acres of ground in rear of the pump house, except so much thereof as immediately surrounds said house, be placed under the control and supervision of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.*

*"2nd, That said grounds shall here-after be known as 'Gypsy Hill Park.'*

*3d, That said Committee be instructed to employ at once a competent landscape gardner or engineer to plat off said Park into walks and carriage drives and to designate thereon where shade trees and shrubs shall be planted, fountains placed and*

*summer houses erected and the probable cost of such work as should be done at once to eventually carry out the purpose herein set forth."*

The same year another small strip of Knightley land was condemned. In 1892, the fairground was purchased by the city, and the next year—on motion of Mr. Tams—it was made "a part and parcel of Gypsy Hill Park."

Throughout this period, Mr. Tams' motions in regard to the park were ever-recurrent, and in 1937 recognition was given to the important part he played in its early days. Just inside the main entrance was erected a stone base supporting a bronze tablet inscribed as follows:

"IN MEMORY OF  
WM. PURVIANCE TAMS  
TO WHOSE  
VISION AND ENERGY THE  
INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF  
THIS PARK WAS DUE  
1889."

Although they may never have heard of him, successive thousands of Stauntonians have, for 50 years, honored the memory of William Purviance Tams by their enjoyment of the beauties and recreational facilities of his Gypsy Hill Park.

## Company E, 5th Regiment, Stonewall Brigade

Transcribed and with an introduction by Charles R. Chittum

### Part I

In 1975 a number of original materials dating from the Civil War were discovered in the half-demolished building on Lewis Street in Staunton which served first as the Brethren Church and later as the VFW Hall. This event was covered in detail in the article, "Recovered Civil War Records" by Charles R. Chittum, in the *Augusta Historical Bulletin*, Vol. 12, No. 2, Fall 1976.

A ledger book found among these records contains original handwritten information about Company E, 5th Regiment of the Stonewall Brigade. There are entries listing deaths, transfers, wounded, and deserters. But the original Company Roll, published below is by far the most valuable documentation.

(A second article in a later *Bulletin* will contain the rest of the ledger's contents).

The records of Confederate army units in the Virginia State Library have been consulted to verify certain names, but the Staunton manuscript appears to be more accurate. In addition, it contains detailed descriptive information about individual soldiers, which is completely lacking in the state records. The material presented here is transcribed exactly as it appears in the original version.

# ORIGINAL COMPANY ROLL APRIL 18/61 HARPER'S FERRY, VA.

No	Names	Height			Description			Where Born		Occupation	Enlistment				
		Age	feet	inches	Complexion	Eyes	Hair	Town or County	State		When	Where	By Whom	Term	Rank
1	James W. Newton	25	5	10	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Merchant	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	Capt
2	David Eckard	31	6		Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	1st Lieut
3	Henry Ross	37	5	8	Dark	Brown	Light	Rockingham	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	2nd Lieut
4	John W. Willson	35	6		fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	3rd Lieut
1	Charles W. Grills	20	6		Dark	Black	Dark	Pulaski	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	1st Sergt
2	James M. Hays	38	6	4	fair	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	2nd Sergt
3	Robert Steele	25	5	6	fair	Grey	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	3rd Sergt
4	James N. McFarland	21	5	10	fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	4th Sergt
5	James J. Gabbert	31	6		fair	Dark	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Blacksmith	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	1st Corpl
6	Lafayette Campbell	27	5	11	Dark	Brown	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	2nd Corpl
7	Samuel Hays	33	6	2	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	3rd Corpl
8	Isaac N. Vines	27	5	4	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Tanner	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	4th Corpl
9	Alexander McGilvray	56	5	4	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Tailor	Ap 18th	Greenville	Jas. W. Newton	1 year	Drummer
1	Abney William G.	22	5	10	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
2	Armentrout John	29	5	9	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
3	Apple William H.	24	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Tanner	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
4	Brand William F.	22	5	10	fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Miller	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
5	Brand Charles D.	24	6		Dark	Brown	Dark	Buckingham	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
6	Britton George M.	24	5	10	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
7	Brownlee Thomas A.	20	5	11	fair	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
8	Campbell James H.	25	5	8	Dark	Brown	Dark	Rockbridge	Virginia	Saddler	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
9	Campbell Robert J.	25	6		fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
10	Campbell Matthew J.	24	5	6	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
11	Carrier James C.	35	5	10	Dark	Brown	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
12	Cash James W.	28	5	6	Dark	Brown	Dark	Rockbridge	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
13	Crosen Thomas M.	36	5	4	Dark	Black	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Cabinet-Maker	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
14	Dempster John J.	27	5	8	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
15	Fitch George W.	26	5	11	Dark	Blue	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Painter	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
16	Graham James W. T.	17	6		fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
17	Groah Andrew J.	24	6		Dark	Black	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
18	Groah Samuel K.	26	6		Dark	Black	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
19	Greaver David A.	28	6		Dark	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
20	Golloday Robert S.	22	5	8	Dark	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
21	Gibson Alexander	31	5	7	fair	Brown	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
22	Harris John A.	25	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
23	Howser David S.	26	6		fair	Brown	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
24	Howser William S.	26	6		fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	Ap 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private

No	Names	Height			Description			Where Born		Occupation	Enlistment				
		Age	feet	inches	Complexion	Eyes	Hair	Town or County	State		When	Where	By Whom	Term	Rank
25	Hays John W.	29	6	2	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
26	Hawpe Adam H.	21	6		Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
27	Heizer William A.	25	6		fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
28	Heizer John B.	22	5	11	fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
29	Holbert William R.	25	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
30	Hight William H.	23	5	8	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
31	Lightner Jno S.	23	6		Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
32	Meek John M.	27	5	10	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
33	Montgomery Thomas	25	5	8	Dark	Brown	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Blacksmith	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
34	Plunkett Lysander H.	20	5	6	fair	Brown	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Mason	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
35	Quarles Narcissus F.	24	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Louisa	Virginia	Carpenter	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
36	Ramsey Jacob	24	5	4	fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
37	Rubush Christian	31	5	8	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
38	Rubush Abraham C.	21	6		fair	Hazle	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
39	Supple Thomas A.	24	5	11	fair	Hazle	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
40	Steele James	23	5	6	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
41	Shepherd John	23	5	10	fair	Grey	Dark	Albemarle	Virginia	Gunsmith	Apr 18	Staunton	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
42	Taylor Richard	38	6		fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Miner	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
43	Thomas Joseph H.	27	5	11	Dark	Black	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Mason	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
44	Trotter James W. B.	21	5	11	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
45	Valentine George G.	19	5	4	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Printer	Apr 18	Staunton	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
46	Vines James W.	25	5	6	fair	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Saddler	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
47	Weeks Robert F.	24	5	10	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
48	Zink Andrew J.	32	5	9	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Machinist	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
49	Zink Henry	22	5	9	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 18	Greenville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private

## Recruits Received during the Year 1861.

50	Brand John W.	20	6		fair	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	July 15	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
51	Brooks John W.	37	5	8	fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Shoemaker	May 18	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
52	Campbell Andrew B.	21	5		Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	May 29	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
53	Doyle Jesse L.	25	5	7	Dark	Dark	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Saddler	July 15	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
54	Earhart John	23	5	2	fair	Blue	Sandy	Rockbridge	Virginia	Farmer	May 29	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
55	Fitch Samuel B.	21	5	10	fair	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Miller	June 11th	Staunton	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
56	Garrison Samuel W.	30	5	6	fair	Black	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Shoemaker	May 18	Staunton	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
57	Grass Robert F.	24	5	10	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	May 10th	Staunton	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
58	Grills Lycurgus	23	6		Dark	Black	Dark	Pulaski	Virginia	Teacher	Aug 30th	Centreville	Lt C.W. Grills	1 year	Private
59	Howser James W.	38	6	2	fair	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Carpenter	May 29	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
60	Hight George R.	32	5	8	fair	Grey	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	May 29	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
61	Ham Cornelius	21	5	10	fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Moulder	Aug 10	Staunton	Capt. Randolph	1 year	Private
62	Miller Ananias	28	5	10	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	May 29	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
63	Moran Lewis A.	22	5	8	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	May 29	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
64	Plunkett John H.	26	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Mason	Aug 13	Centreville	Capt. Newton	1 year	Private
65	Robertson Matthew W.	41	5	10	fair	Blue	Light	Rockbridge	Virginia	Blacksmith	May 18	Greenville	Jno Newton	1 year	Private
66	Weeks Nimrod	19	5	8	fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Aug 10	Staunton	Capt. Randolph	1 year	Private



# Recruits Received during the Year 1862

No	Names	Height			Complexion	Eyes	Hair	Where Born		Occupation	When	Where	By Whom	Term	Rank
		Age	feet	inches				Town or County	State						
67	Abney Ovid L.	18	5	10	Dark	Black	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	May 1st	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
68	Allen Hiram M.	18	5	6	fair	Blue	Black	Nelson	Virginia	Farmer	June 30	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
69	Armmentrout Arch C.	20	5	8	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 14	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
70	Armstrong Jacob E.	20	5	10	fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 10	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
71	Anderson Robert J.	19	5	8	fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 8	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
72	Brooks John D.	20	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 19/61	Fishersville	Capt Antrim	1 year	Q.M.S.
73	Bradley John H.	20	5	7	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 14	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
74	Bowers William H.	16	5	11	fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 14	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
75	Bear Newton M.	30	5	10	fair	Blue	Black	Rockbridge	Virginia	Farmer	April 1st	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
76	Blakeley Robert	40	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 12	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
77	Buchanan Samuel A.	32	6		fair	Brown	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Cooper	Mar 9th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
78	Campbell David J. C.	31	5	6	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	May 1st	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
79	Campbell Thomas J.	20	5	6	Dark	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 18	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
80	Cash Joshua	40	5	6	Dark	Black	Dark	Rockbridge	Virginia	Farmer	April 6th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
81	Collins Robert	26	5	6	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 13th	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
82	Davis John H.	19	5	4	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 9th	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
83	Eckard William F.	24	5	4	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 21	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
84	Elliott George	42	5	10	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 19th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
85	Glenn George	33	6		Dark	Black	Black	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 14th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
86	Greaver Adam	33	5	10	fair	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 21	Edinburg	Capt Newton	War	Private
87	Fitch Peter W.	30	5	10	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 12	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
88	Golladay John H.	24	5	4	fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 18	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
89	Griner John K.	54	5	7	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Teacher	Mar 20	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
90	Harris Nathaniel W.	28	6		Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 9th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
91	Hight Peter J.	38	5	8	Dark	Brown	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 9th	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
92	Hight William A.	35	5	8	Dark	Hazle	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 14th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
93	Hight John H.	25	5	6	Fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Blacksmith	Mar 9th	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
94	Hight Robert S.	25	5	6	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 11th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
95	Hanger William H.	21	5	10	fair	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 10th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
96	Humphreys William S.	19	5	11	fair	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Molder	Apr 11th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
97	Hatfield P.M.D.	30	5	11	Dark	Dark	Black	Rockingham	Virginia	Mechanic	April 12th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
98	Howard John H.	28	6		Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 11th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
99	Hatten Jacob	40	5	8	Dark	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 25	Edinburg	Capt Newton	War	Private
100	Hutcheson James A.	18	5	6	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Tailor	Oct 1st	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
101	Kelly George	19	5	4	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 8th	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
102	Kibler Joseph	35	5	8	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Mechanic	April 12th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
103	Lightner Samuel A.	20	5	10	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 3rd	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
104	Layton (?) William H.	23	5	11	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 13th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
105	McComb William L.	19	5	8	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	July 17/61	Winchester	Capt Antrim	1 year	Private
106	McComb William R.	20	5	8	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	July 17/61	Winchester	Capt Antrim	1 year	Private
107	Moran Charles N.	44	5	11	fair	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 29th	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
108	Miller Cornelius G.	25	5	6	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Apr 3rd	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
109	Owen John	25	5	4	Dark	Blue	Black	Ireland	Farmer	Oct 14th	Martinsburg	Lt D. Eckard	War	Private	
110	Overholser Joel	30	5	7	fair	Blue	Light	Kentucky	Farmer	Oct 21st	Martinsburg	Lt D. Eckard	War	Private	
111	Plunkett William A.	17	5		fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Mason	Mar 17th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
112	Patterson William	42	5	6	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 10	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private

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		Age	feet	inches				Town or County	State						
113	Patterson John	32	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 14	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
114	Painter Henry	31	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 14	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
115	Rubush Matthew H.	19	5	8	fair	Dark	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 4th	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
116	Rubush John C.	23	5	8	fair	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Merchant	Mar 10th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
117	Ramsey James	53	5	6	fair	Grey	Light	Nelson	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 20	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
118	Roberts Albert G.	35	5	10	Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 7	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
119	Shelley Jacob	57	5	4	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Wagon Maker	Mar 17	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
120	Spencer John A.	30	5	10	Fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Plasterer	Mar 10th	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
121	Shultz George B.	31	6		Fair	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 12	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
122	Smith Thomas J.	34	6		Fair	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Shoemaker	April 13	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
123	Stockdale John H.	30	5	10	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 12	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
124	Shultz John H.	19	5	11	Dark	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 15	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
125	Taylor Robert	30	6		fair	Grey	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 5	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
126	Taylor James H.	32	6		fair	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Miner	Mar 17	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
127	Taylor Lucas C.	35	6		fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Miner	Mar 17	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
128	Taylor John C.	19	5	10	Dark	Dark	Black	Rockbridge	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 25	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
129	Thomason Francis P.	26	5	6	fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 9	Greenville	Capt Newton	War	Private
130	Talley James A.	27	5	6	fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Blacksmith	Mar 14	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
131	Valentine John C.	22	5	6	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Shoemaker	Mar 14	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
132	Wiseman William	41	6		Dark	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 12	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
133	Wiseman William E.	23	5	10	fair	Brown	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Shoemaker	April 12	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
134	Wiseman George W.	35	5	8	Dark	Dark	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 10	Rude's Hill	Capt Newton	War	Private
135	Weeks Elisha	27	6		fair	Blue	Sandy	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Mar 10	Staunton	Capt Newton	War	Private
136	Wright John A.	23	6		Dark	Brown	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 12	Rude's Hill	Capt Curtis	War	Private

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137	Fauber John	28	5	9	Dark	Black	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	April 5th	Camp Wender	Col Funk	War	Private
138	Hight George W.	21	5	4	fair	Brown	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	May 21/61	Brownburg	Capt Curry	1 year	Private
139	Heizer James J.	18	5	2	fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Sept 10/63	Greenville	Capt Grills	War	Private
140	Brand Thomas H.	18	5	6	Dark	Brown	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Sept 10/63	Greenville	Capt Grills	War	Private
141	McGuffin John	19	5	4	Dark	Grey	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Nov 17th 63	Or. Court. Hou	Col Funk	War	Private

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142	Hanger Enos	18	5	8	Dark	Dark	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer	Feb 5th 64	Orange C.H.	Col. Williams	War	Private
144	Harvey James A.	32	5	11½	Fair	Grey	Light		Virginia	Farmer					
145	Mays James A.	18	5	6½	Florid	Dark	Dark		Virginia	Farmer					
146	Hight H.	44	5	8	Dark	Grey	Dark		Virginia	Farmer					
147	Dunlap Wm. H.	39	6		Florid	Light	Brown		Virginia	Farmer					
148	Hutcheson George A.	17	5	4	Dark	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Tailor					
149	Valentine Samuel T.	18	5	6	Fair	Grey	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Wagon Maker					
150	Campbell Addison	18	5	6	Fair	Blue	Red	Augusta	Virginia	Cooper					
151	Armstrong Wm. A.	35	6		Fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer					
152	Bell Wm. M.	35	5	6	Fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer					
153	Hanger Elias H.	29	5	5	Fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer					
154	Lotts Wm.	30	5	10	Fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer					
155	Lotts Jacob	30	5	11	Fair	Blue	Light	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer					
156	Stover George	18	5	4	Fair	Blue	Dark	Augusta	Virginia	Farmer					

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## Augusta County Obituaries, 1842-1845

### Anne Covington Kidd

(Continued from Volume 14, Number 2)

Died, on the 7th ultimo, at his residence on South River, Augusta County, Mr. Andrew ALEXANDER, leaving a widowed mother, several brothers and sisters, and a wife and four infant children . . . Mr. A. . . . had suffered extremely for 12 or 18 months under paralysis. He was a young man. (1 September 1842)

Died, on the 19th instant, Mr. Gabriel ALEXANDER, aged about 77 years. (25 August 1842) Died, at his residence, in Augusta County, on the 18th ultimo, Mr. Gabriel ALEXANDER, aged 76. Mr. Alexander was a native of the neighborhood . . . not having married in early life, he was prevented by severe bodily infirmity from subsequently doing so. Nearly 40 years ago, he became seriously crippled by Chronic Rheumatism. (1 September 1842)

. . . death of . . . Mr. John ARMSTRONG, of the neighborhood of Jennings' Gap . . . On Friday the 16th . . . he left his family . . . taking with him his rifle, on the pretext of hunting in the mountains . . . his body was not found until the following Thursday. A jury of inquest was held the next day, the verdict of which was that he came to his death by shooting himself . . . melancholy state for some weeks . . . (29 December 1842)

Died, on Tuesday morning last, Mrs. Elizabeth AST, consort of Mr. John H. Ast, of this place—leaving a large family of helpless children. (3 March 1842)

Died, in Staunton, on Wednesday the 11th instant, Mrs. Eliza C. BALDWIN, in the 59th year of her age. (19 December 1844)

Died, on Monday evening, the 19th August, in Fishersville, Mrs. Martha BALLARD, in the 94th year of her age . . . member of the Baptist Church. (29 August 1844)

Died, on Sabbath evening, 13th Nov., 1842, Mr. Andrew BARRY, in the 63d year of his age . . . was a native of the County of Donegal, Ireland, and emigrated to the United States in 1793 . . . resided for a few years in Baltimore, thence re-

moved to Augusta County, Va., where he remained about 25 years, and in 1825, removed to Highland County where he resided until his decease. (1 December 1842) . . . husband, father . . . Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Mossy Creek, Va. and in Hillsborough, Ohio—the Church of his first and early choice—more than 30 years. From Hillsboro' (Ohio) News. (8 December 1842)

Died, at his residence on the Long Glade in this county, on the 1st instant, Capt. David BELL, at the advanced age of 81 years. (13 February 1845) Departed this life, on Saturday morning . . . Soon after the Revolution, when the spirit of rebellion in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, had kindled the flames of civil war . . . he was one of that patriotic band from Augusta, who, at the call of Washington . . . quelled at once the spirit of insurrection . . . member of the Presbyterian Church . . . Bereaved of an affectionate wife when their three little children greatly needed a mother . . . an only daughter and two sons . . . After the funeral services on Sabbath morning . . . friends and neighbours, followed the hearse to . . . Mossy Creek Church, about four miles distant. (20 February 1845)

Died, on the 25th inst., Eliza Burton (BELL), aged 8 years and 21 days . . . daughter of Col. Wm. A. Bell. (31 July 1845)

Died, at his residence, on the Long Glade, Augusta County, on the 17th instant, Mr. John BELL, Sr. aged 87 years . . . In the early struggle of our patriot fathers for our country's independence, he was a firm and efficient soldier . . . for many years a . . . member of the Presbyterian Church of Mossy Creek . . . (leaves) orphan children. (27 October 1842)

Died, on Thursday, 25th January, Mrs. Margaret BELL, relict of the late Major William Bell of this county . . . member of the Presbyterian Church . . . several strokes of paralysis . . . in 77th year of her age—the last of a numerous and respected family . . . she now sleeps with her fathers in the grave-yard of Augusta Church. (8 February 1844)

Died, on Friday the 7th, on the Long Glade, of croup, Mary Margaret (BELL), daughter of Mr. Samuel Bell. (13 February 1845) . . . and Sarah BELL . . . at the age of about 4 years. (20 February 1845)

Departed this life, in Centreville, Indiana, on the 15th of September last, Mr. James H. BICKEL, aged 55 years, 7 months, and some days . . . was a native of this place . . . member of the Methodist E. Church. (24 October 1844)

Died, in this place, on Wednesday the 6th inst., Mr. George BITTLE, aged 100 years and 5 months . . . emigrated to this place from Staunton, Va., in the year 1818 . . . member of the Lutheran Church. Fincastle Democrat. (21 August 1845)

A negro man named John BLACK was killed last week by foul air in the well of Mr. Abraham Garber, near New Hope, in this county. (4 September 1845)

Died, at his residence in Scottsville, on Sunday morning, the 15th inst., Dr. John BLAIR, in the 43rd year of his age . . . native of Augusta county and for some time a practicing physician in that county . . . moved to Scottsville about twelve years ago . . . husband . . . father. (26 October 1843)

Died, near Mount Solon, Augusta county, on the 11th of September, 1843, of pulmonary disease, Mrs. Mariam R. BLAIR, wife of Doctor William R. Blair, in the 33rd year of her age . . . seven little children. (21 September 1843)

Died, on the 11th, near Mt. Solon, Augusta county, Mr. Henry J. BLAKEMORE, in the 29th year of his age. (20 February 1845)

Died, on Saturday the 17th instant, Brown S. (BRADY), son of Mr. James Brady, of this place, in the 5th year of his age. (29 May 1845)

Died, at his residence on Mossy Creek, on the evening of the 14th ult., in the 59th year of his age, Mr. Abrahami BRAN-NAMAN, leaving a wife and six children. (22 June 1843)

Died, on the night of the 6th instant, John BRAWFORD, of this County in the 81st year of his age. He had been a Ruling Elder in the Church of Bethel for 50 years, and was ordained by the Rev. Archibald Scott, its first pastor. (24 April 1845)

Died, on Saturday morning last, Mr. Absalom H. BROOKS, aged about 63 years—long a worthy and respected citizen of Staunton . . . member of the Presbyterian Church. (31 July 1845)

Departed this life on Monday night the 28th ult., Eliza Susan (BROWN), daughter of Mr. John D. Brown, of Scott's Ferry, Va. . . . (she) often cheered . . . her father, who was from the nature of his occupation much from home. (7 August 1845)

Died, on the 9th instant, at his residence near Mt. Sidney, of consumption, Mr. John BROWN . . . (23 November 1843)

Died, on the 26th ult., aged two years, four months, and fifteen days, Sarah Jane (BROWN), daughter of Mr. John D.

Brown of this village. This is the second time that this most worthy man, has been called within the last three months, from Staunton, (where he is engaged as undertaker at the Deaf and Dumb Institute,) to witness the death of a . . . child . . . These . . . Parents, have the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of Scottsville. Scottsville, Nov. 29, 1845. (4 December 1845)

Died, in this place, on Wednesday evening the 13th instant, Mary J. (BRYAN), daughter of Mr. Thomas Bryan, aged twelve years, one month and four days. (21 March 1844)

Died, on Friday the 19th September, of chronic disease, in the 62nd year of her age, Mrs. Elizabeth D. (BUSH), consort of Mr. John Bush, of this county, and daughter of Capt. Azarias Martin, dec'd., of Nelson county, Va. (2 October 1845)

Died, on Monday night last, at his residence near this place, Claudius BUSTER, Esq., one of the few remaining soldiers of the Revolution, and long an active magistrate of the county of Augusta. (23 November 1843)

Departed this life on Thursday morning, the 23d of August, at the residence of her father, Miss Jenetta Ann (CALHOON), second daughter of the Rev. William Calhoon, of this County . . . she had been a . . . member of the Presbyterian Church. (1 September 1842)

Died, very suddenly, in this town, on Thursday night last, Mrs. CAMPBELL, mother of Mr. G. W. Campbell. (10 February 1842)

Died, on the 2d instant, Sampson Eagon (CAMPBELL), infant son of Mr. Geo. W. Campbell, of this town. (10 August 1843)

Died, on Saturday morning last, at the residence of Mrs. Taylor, Miss Mary CARLYLE, a native of Frederick county, in this state, and for nearly a year past a resident of this county. (17 April 1845)

Died, on Thursday morning last, Anna (CASTLEMAN), second daughter of the Rev. T. T. Castleman, of Staunton, in the fifth year of her age. (20 February 1845)

Died, in Saline County, Mo., on the 27th September last, Mr. Wm. CAVE, Sr., formerly of Augusta County, Va., of congestive fever, on the 8th day after he was taken ill. (27 October 1842)

Died, on Tuesday the 1st inst., of Scarlet Fever, Luema (CEASE), daughter of H. B. Cease, aged 7 years 5 months and 20 days. (10 April 1845)

Died, on Friday last, Edward A. (CHANDLER), infant son of Mr. Augustine D. Chandler, of this place. (12 June 1845)

Died, at Mr. Pryde's in Buffalo Gap, on the 2nd instant . . . Thomas B. (CHANDLER), infant son of Mr. A. D. Chandler, of this place. (11 September 1845)

Died, on the 22nd instant, Emma (CHAPMAN), infant daughter of A. Chapman, esq. (2 March 1843)

Died, in Paducah, Ky. on the evening of the 9th ult. after an illness of thirty hours, Col. F. R. CHRISTIAN, of Tuscumbia, Alabama, in the 25th year of his age . . . was a native of Augusta county, (Va.) a son of the late John B. Christian, Esq. of Greenville. His remains were conveyed to Tuscumbia for interment, and were attended to the grave by the Tuscumbia Guards, of which he had been at one time the commander. (10 February 1842)

On Monday the 27th ult., Anna Louisa (CHURCHMAN), third daughter of Mr. John Churchman, of this county. (6 November 1845)

Died, on Sabbath morning last, Miss Mary Ann CLARKE, eldest daughter of Samuel Clarke, esq. of this village . . . many years a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church . . . early left without a mother, and with the care of a large circle of motherless children younger than herself. (24 February 1842)

Died, in Randolph County, Missouri, on the 27th of March last, Mrs. Mary Jane (CLARKE), wife of Dr. Wm. Clarke, formerly of this place, leaving a daughter about two years of age. (7 July 1842)

Died, at his residence in this county, on Thursday morning last, Mr. John COALTER. (3 February 1842)

Died, in this place, on Monday the 18th inst. . . . at the residence of N. C. Kinney, Esq., Mrs. Elizabeth C. COLSTON, widow of the late Thomas Colston, of Loudoun county, Va., in the 47th year of her age, leaving a family of young . . . children. (21 August 1845)

Died, on the 9th inst. at his residence on the Long Glade, Augusta county, Martin COYNER, sen., in the 72nd year of his age. He removed from the neighborhood of Carlisle, Penn., in the 21st year of his age and lived on the farm where he died for fifty years. (24 February 1842)

Died, on Saturday the 25th ult. at his residence in this county, Mr. Lewis CRAFT, aged about 80 years . . . was a native

of Pennsylvania, and had lived in Augusta for near forty years. (6 November 1845)

Died, on the 7th September, at his residence in Johnston county, Missouri . . . Mr. Robert CRAIG, in the 47th year of his age . . . native of this county, and moved to Missouri in 1829. (7 November 1844)

Departed this life, on the 18th ult., at his residence (Craigs-ville) in Augusta Co., Mr. Samuel CRAIG in the 64th year of his age . . . disease was dropsy . . . left a wife and five children. (4 August 1842)

Departed this life, near Mt. Sidney, on the morning of Friday the 24th inst., Mrs. Harriet CRAWFORD, wife of John Crawford, Esq. . . . six children . . . of that tender age . . . membership with the Presbyterian Church (30 November 1843)

Died, on the 3d instant, Ellen (CRICKARD), infant daughter of Mr. James Crickard, of this place. (11 September 1845)

Died, on Friday night last, in this place, Jane (CRICKARD), infant daughter of Mr. James Crickard. (28 August 1845)

Died, on Monday the 23d ultimo, Mrs. Catharine CRISMOND, wife of Mr. Thomas Crismond, of this county, in the 62nd year of her age. (2 January 1845)

Died, on Friday last, October 3d, in this town, Rev. John Wesley CRONIN, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church . . . His funeral was attended on the Sabbath. (9 October 1845)

Died, on the 28th ult., Mrs. Agnes CUNNINGHAM, in the 59th year of her age. She has long been exercised by various and protracted afflictions. (13 October 1842)

Died, of consumption, on the 1st of July, in the 15th year of her age, Miss Margaret (CUNNINGHAM) daughter of the Widow Cunningham . . . She left a childless mother. (28 July 1842)

Died, at his residence in Augusta county, on Friday evening the 18th inst., Samuel CURRY, esq. one of the most respectable and esteemed citizens of Augusta county . . . was for about fifty years a . . . member of the Presbyterian Church, and . . . for many years a ruling Elder . . . leaves . . . a widow and three children. R. Reg. (31 July 1845)

Died, on Tuesday evening last, William (CUSHING), infant son of Merrill Cushing, esq. of this place (6 February 1845)

Died, on Tuesday the 14th of scarlet fever, Margaret Ann (DAVIS), only child of Mr. Archibald Davis, of this place, in the 3d year of her age. (23 January 1845)

Died, at the residence of her son, Robert Depriest, on the 26th ultimo, Mrs. Mary DEPRIEST, in the 76th year of her age . . . born in Fluvanna county . . . resident of this county for 27 years. (21 December 1843)

Died, on Saturday last, at the residence of her brother, Capt. Archibald A. Hall, on South River, Mrs. Eleanor H. DOUGLASS, in the 54th year of her age. (26 June 1845) Died . . . on the 21st of June, Mrs. Eleanor H. DOUGLASS, widow of Mr. John A. Douglass, formerly of Greenville, Va., in the 54th year of her age . . . born in 1791 . . . In 1816 she dedicated herself to God in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Tinkling Spring . . . (left) children. (3 July 1845)

Died, in this county, on Monday 23d instant, Mrs. Margaret EIDSON, wife of Mr. Henry Eidson, jr., and daughter of Mr. George Baylor, sr. . . . has left . . . husband and a family of young children. (26 June 1845)

Died, very suddenly, at Everittsville, Albemarle county, on the 8th inst., Mr. Jacob ELLINGER of this county, aged 23. (29 August 1844)

Died, on Tuesday the 14th ult. . . . at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Bowls, in Hanover county, Mr. John S. ELLIS, in the 63d year of his age . . . was a native of Henrico county, and there resided during the greater part of his life. About ten years ago he purchased a farm on the South River, in the vicinity of Waynesborough . . . which he cultivated with so much neatness that he was for years looked up to as a pattern of good farming . . . (left) Mrs. Ellis (his wife) . . . for nearly thirty years . . . (member of) the Baptist Church. (13 November 1845)

Died, on the 15th of March, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Theophilus Gamble, of Augusta county, Va., Mrs. Margaret P. ERVIN, in the 67th year of her age . . . was in connexion with the Presbyterian Church at Mossy Creek, the greater part of her life. (28 March 1844)

Died, on the 17th inst., at his residence near Churchville, on Jennings' Branch, Mr. Anthony FISHER, aged about 65 years . . . member of the Church of Christ . . . aged and bereaved widow, who has for the second time followed a beloved husband to the cold mansion of the dead. (21 August 1845)

. . . a young man by the name of Michael FREYMIRE, of this county accidentally shot himself on Saturday last. He was in the act of loading a pistol. Augusta Democrat. (20 February 1845)

Died, at his residence in Bath county, on the 13th August, Capt. William FRIEL, formerly of Augusta, aged 57 years. (22 August 1844)

Died, on Monday last, Mr. Frederick FULTZ, at an advanced age—for several years past a citizen of this place. (12 October 1843)

Died, in Middlebrook, on the morning of the 7th inst., an infant son (FUR) of James and Jane Fur, aged 7 days. (19 September 1844)

Died, on Wednesday morning, January 17th, at the family residence in Staunton, Mrs. Elizabeth GARBER, wife of Wm. H. Garber, Esq. in the 31st year of her age, after the brief illness of one hour . . . infant babe three weeks old . . . Protestant Episcopal Church of which she was a member . . . deeply afflicted mother, who yet survives her. (25 January 1844)

Died, on Saturday morning last, at his residence in this place, Michael GARBER, Esq., in the 77th year of his age . . . perhaps the oldest inhabitant of our town . . . born in York county, Pennsylvania, and came to this place with his father, when about 17 years of age . . . reared and set out respectably in life a large family of children, nine of whom are still living . . . (he enjoyed) seeing a numerous progeny of grand children spring up around him, and some of the third generation. During the greater part of his active life, he was the proprietor and landlord of the Bell Tavern, and during the late war with Great Britain was collector of the U. S. Revenue for this District . . . his remains were attended to the grave by the Masonic Fraternity. (11 December 1845)

Died, on Saturday morning last, of Whooping-cough, William Henry (GARBER), infant son of Mr. Wm. H. Garber, of this place. (8 September 1842)

Died, on the 26th ult., Mr. Francis GARDNER, one of the most aged . . . inhabitants of this county—and a soldier of the Revolution. (25 August 1842)

Died, at his residence in this county, on Tuesday the 11th inst., Mr. Samuel GARDNER, in the 79th year of his age . . . served a tour of duty during the Revolutionary war . . . If not a native of Augusta, he had resided in the county from his early boyhood. (20 January 1842)

Died, in this town, on Sunday last, Mr. George GEIGER, in the 53rd year of his age . . . death by a fall from a wagon . . . skull severely fractured . . . native of Pennsylvania, and for

many years an active, enterprising citizen of our town. (14 September 1843)

Died, at the residence of Adam Bickle, Esq. in the vicinity of this place, on the 19th instant, GILBERT, a slave, aged 112 years . . . came to this place some forty years since from the neighborhood of Williamsburg . . . was a servant to Col. Washington at the great battle of the Monongahela, on the 9th of July 1755 . . . and at the surrender of Cornwallis . . . honest and industrious, and the boys of our town will long remember the "old man in regimentals" they have been accustomed to look upon with delight on our high days of parade. (22 February 1844)

Died . . . on Friday the 21st of January, 1842, Mr. Francis GILKESON, Sen. in the 73d year of his age . . . an Elder in the Church of Union in Augusta, from its organization until his death. (10 February 1842)

Died, in Winchester, on Monday night the 21st inst. of Bilious Neumonia, Mrs. Sarah D. GILKESON, in the 47th year of her age . . . eldest daughter of John Bell, Esq., dec'd., of this place . . . member of the Presbyterian Church. (30 November 1843)

Died, on Thursday evening the 12 instant . . . at the residence of her sons, Mrs. Ann GLENDY, widow of William Glendy, deceased, in the 77th year of her age . . . member of the Presbyterian church. (26 December 1844)

Died, on Friday evening last, William GLENDY, son of Mr. William Glendy, of this county, aged about 4 years. (6 February 1845)

Died, on Sunday last, at the Augusta Springs, Mr. John GORDON, in the 64th year of his age, for many years a citizen of Staunton . . . member of Capt. Morris' Infantry Company . . . made a cripple for life, by the accidental explosion of a field piece . . . left a wife and a large number of children . . . interred in the burial ground of this place, on Monday, with military honors, by the Staunton Light Infantry. (29 June 1843)

Died, in Staunton, on the 4th of February, David GRANT . . . aged 15 years and two months. (17 February 1842)

Died, on the 1st instant, Eliza Virginia Brown (GRANT), infant daughter of Francis Grant. (6 April 1843)

Died, on Saturday morning the 12th inst., Alfred Plum (GREGORY), son of Mr. James Gregory of this place. (17 April 1845)

Departed this life on Friday morning last, Harriet H. GREINER, daughter of Henry Y. Greiner, aged 18 years, 8 months, and 6 days. (21 December 1843)

Died, on Friday morning the 21st instant, at his residence in this county, Mr. Jacob GRIENER, in the 34th year of his age—leaving a wife and two children. (27 January 1842)

Died, on Sunday morning last, Abraham H. (GROVE) infant Son of Mr. John Grove, of this place. (11 January 1844)

Died, at his residence near Shemariah church, on Tuesday the 8th instant, Mr. Adam GROVE, in the 55th year of his age . . . was a native of Augusta . . . a member of the Presbyterian church, and was a professor of religion upwards of twenty years. He gave the lot of ground on which Shemariah church now stands . . . and was an efficient Member of its Board of Trustees (of Shemariah Academy) . . . died suddenly and unexpectedly; also a servant woman of his about fifteen minutes after him. (24 February 1842)

Died, of bilious fever, on the 23d of March, 1842, at his residence near Greenville, in Augusta County, Mr. David GROVE, aged 64 years, 1 month, and 10 days . . . left a wife and a large family. (21 April 1842)

Died, at his residence near Waynesboro', on the 27th ult., Mr. John GUTHRIE, sr., in the 83d year of his age . . . for nearly 40 years a worthy member, and for the greater part of the time, an efficient Elder of the Presbyterian Church of T. Spring and Waynesboro'. (20 February 1845)

Died, at Deerfield, on Tuesday morning the 4th inst. Gilly Esteline (GUY), youngest daughter of William Guy, Esq., aged about one year. (13 February 1845)

Died, at the residence of her father, on the Big Calfpasture River, on the 2nd inst., Miss Mary K. GWIN, aged 22 years . . . member of the Presbyterian Church at Rocky Springs, for the last three years. (14 September 1843)

The Liverpool Albion announces the death of James HAGERTY, Esq., United States' Consul at Liverpool, on the 24th of August—aged 54 years. Mr. Hagerty was a native of Staunton. (26 September 1844)

Departed this life, at his residence in Saline County, Missouri, on the 18th day of August last, Mr. Hugh HAMILTON, a native of Augusta county, Va., aged about 55 years . . . (of Congestive Fever . . . children . . . deprived of their last earthly parent . . . (was a) Presbyterian. (28 September 1843)



Died, on Saturday the 23d day of August, at the residence of his father, Mr. Peter Hanger, near Waynesborough, Augusta County, Mr. George C. HANGER, aged 24 years, one month and one day. (28 August 1845)

. . . Brevet Captain W. K. HANSON, of the U. S. Army . . . in Washington city on Sunday last . . . His afflicted lady . . . had been spending some time here with her friends. (25 July 1844)

Died, on yesterday morning, between 12 and 1 o'clock, Margaret HARPER, youngest daughter of the Editor of the Spectator, aged about two years and two months. (29 December 1842)

Died, on the 29th of October, in the 62nd year of her age, Mrs. Catharine HARRY, for many years a resident of this place. For the last eighteen years she has been much afflicted . . . member of the Lutheran Church. (2 November 1843)

Died, at his residence, in this County, on Tuesday morning last, the 25th instant, Mr. John HAWPE, in the 79th year of his age. (27 February 1845)

Died, at the . . . (Western Asylum), on Friday the 27th ult., of Cerebral disease, Mr. Richard HAYS, of Orange County, in the 54th year of his age. (2 February 1842)

Died, recently, Mrs. HELMS, wife of Mr. Wm. B. Helms, of this county, after a protracted illness. (10 February 1842)

Died, on Saturday last, after a long illness of consumption, Mr. James M. HELMS—a worthy and respected citizen of this county—leaving a wife and several children. (31 July 1845)

Died, at the Western Asylum, on Wednesday the 25th ult., after a protracted and painful illness, Mr. Wm. B. HELMS, in the 50th year of his age. (2 February 1843)

Died, on Friday morning last, Mrs. Caroline HENEY, consort of Mr. George Heney, and daughter of Mr. Henry CEASE, of this place. (14 August 1845)

Died, in Waynesborough, December 13th, about 1 o'clock, A.M., Dr. Richard H. HENRY, a Ruling Elder of the Church of Tinkling Spring and Waynesborough . . . had not enjoyed good health for 18 or 20 years . . . (a wife and six children, the youngest an only son, three years old) . . . born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, January 31st, 1800 . . . was brought to Staunton when about 19 months old, by his mother, who removed to that place to live. There he was educated . . . received his Medical Diploma from the University of Pennsylvania, and com-

menced the practice in Lewisburg, removing thence to Waynesborough in the year 1827. The estimation in which he was held . . . is farther presented in the subjoined extract from the Records of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Tinkling Spring and Waynesborough. (19 December 1844)

Mr. Richard I. HILL, formerly of this county, was murdered in the village of Fallmanton, in Effingham county, Illinois, on the 14th of April . . . was a married man, and we believe has left a family of children. (16 June 1842)

Died, in Middlebrook, Augusta county, on Thursday the 6th inst., John Marshall (HOGSHEAD), youngest son of E. Hogshead, Esq. Merchant of that place, aged 6 years and 12 days . . . by a fall from a large tree. (13 June 1844)

Mr. Samuel HOOVER was drowned recently in the South river, some six or seven miles below Waynesborough . . . was attempting to cross in a boat . . . left a helpless family. (27 April 1843)

Died, on Wednesday last, James Wickliffe (HUDSON), son of Mr. James W. Hudson, of this place, in the 3rd year of his age. (29 May 1845)

Died, at his residence near Greenville, on the 6th of June, after an illness of several weeks, Mr. Mathew HUNTER—long . . . (an) inhabitant of this County. 21 July 1842)

Died, on Tuesday last, at his residence, Col. Archibald HUSTON, in the 50th year of his age . . . a kind husband, father, and humane master. (7 November 1844)

Died, at the Washington Tavern, in Staunton, on Wednesday evening, the 23d ult. . . Mr. Francis IONE . . . was a native of Germany, and had been in this country but a few weeks . . . was on his way to Lynchburg for the purpose of instructing a class in music . . . spoke of having relatives in the city of New York. (3 March 1842)

Died, at his residence in Roanoke county, near Salem, at half past 6 P.M., April 8th, 1845, Dr. John JOHNSTON, at the advance age of 83 years, of a decline that had taken hold of his constitution for years gone by. He had lived here for many years . . . was born and raised in the county of Augusta, until he removed to his residence near Salem . . . as a scholar, a gentleman, and physician, was not surpassed by any man . . . husband, father and a master . . . member of the Presbyterian Church for the last 65 years. (24 April 1845)

Died, on Monday the 2nd inst., near Mt. Solon, Augusta co., Mr. Henry KARICOFÉ, Sen., in the 54th year of his age . . . (while) his wife and some of the children went to Camp Meeting . . . about 11 o'clock he sunk dead at his work in the field. (19 September 1844)

Died, on Friday last, Elizabeth KEEZY, daughter of Mr. P. Keezy, of this town. (24 November 1842)

Died, on Sunday evening last, Emily Catharine (KEEZY), infant daughter of Mr. Philip Keezy, of this place. (12 June 1845)

Died, on the 18th ult. John Harvey (KEEZY), son of Mr. P. Keezy of Staunton. (1 December 1842)

Died, on Thursday last, Mr. David KELLER, of this county. (2 January 1845)

Died, on Saturday night the 2d instant, Mr. George KELLER, sen'r., aged 86 years—a soldier of the Revolution, and a highly respectable citizen of this county. (14 March 1844)

Died, of congestive intermittent fever, at the residence of her late brother, in Shelby County, Tennessee, Miss Elizabeth KENNEDY, in the nineteenth year of her age . . . was born in Staunton, Virginia. (26 January 1842)

Died, of congestive fever, on the 4th instant, in Shelby county, Tenn. William H. KENNEDY, formerly of Staunton, Va., aged 29 years. Memphis Enquirer. (29 September 1842)

Died, on Monday, 31st of July, William Coleman KERR, aged 3 months and 19 days, son of William G. and Mary Ann Kerr. (3 August 1843)

Died, lately, at Lexington, Missouri, Mr. George KICE, formerly of this place. (14 March 1844)

Died, on Thursday evening the 27th of February, at his residence in the Calf-pasture, after eight weeks of the most excruciating pain, Mr. Archibald KINKAID, in the 75th year of his age. Mr. Kinkaid was taken about the first of January with a pain in the toe—at first it was thought that it was caused by the nail sinking into the toe—but the pain continued to increase until his sufferings were inexpressible, (as he often said himself) yet not one murmuring word was heard from him . . . long been an active ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Rocky Spring . . . left and aged companion. (13 March 1845)

Died, on Monday last, Mrs. Mary KNOWLES, aged 87 years, long an inhabitant of this place. (17 November 1842)

Departed this life on the 9th inst., Winfield Scott (KURTZ) infant son of Mr. Adam Kurtz, of this place. (20 January 1842)

Departed this life on Friday afternoon, Mrs. Eliza H. KYLE, wife of William Kyle, Esq., merchant of this place. She had given birth to an infant seventeen days before she was seized with the fatal disease which, in the short duration of one week, terminated her existence . . . member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (7 August 1845)

Died, on the 8th inst., Eliza H. (KYLE), infant daughter of Wm. Kyle, Esq., of this place. (11 September 1845)

Died, at her residence, on Christian's Creek, in Augusta county, after a long and protracted illness . . . on Sunday evening the 2d inst., Mrs. Elizabeth LAREW, the wife of the late Col. Joseph Larew, in the 57th year of her age—leaving a numerous family of children and relatives. (13 April 1843)

Died, on Monday morning last, Elizabeth R. (LAREW), infant daughter of Mr. Benjamin Larew, of this place. (13 February 1845)

Died . . . (on Tuesday the 14th of Scarlet Fever) Andrew Jackson (LAWRENCE), son of Mr. James Lawrence, in the 14th year of age. (23 January 1845)

Died, on Monday evening last, Mary (LAWRENCE), daughter of Mr. James Lawrence, aged about seven years. (30 January 1845)

Departed this life, on Sabbath morning the 14th inst., at his residence in the county of Augusta, Jacob LEAS, Esq. in the 78th year of his age . . . (was) a native of Pennsylvania, but had resided in this county for 53 years . . . long an acting Magistrate of the county, and also its High Sheriff within the last few years . . . united . . . with the Presbyterian Church of Staunton about . . . 1803, then under the pastoral care of the Rev. Wm. Calhoun . . . an elder of that church . . . An aged relict, and numerous offspring mourn. (18 May 1843)

Died, on Tuesday the 24th ult., Frances Emma (LONG), infant daughter of Mr. N. B. Long of this place. This is the fourth child these afflicted parents have lost within the space of five days. All were suffering with whooping cough when they were attacked with scarlet fever. (3 July 1845)

Died, on Friday last, of scarlet fever, James Marcellus (LONG) and Sarah Jane (LONG), and on Sunday, Cornelia Frances (LONG), children of Mr. N. B. Long, of this place. (26 June 1845)

Departed this life at his place of residence in the upper end of this county, on the morning of the 20th September . . . Mr.

George LOTT, in the 103rd year of his age . . . was a German or a strong and vigorous constitution . . . father of a large family, the grandfather of many, the great grandfather of a great many more, and the great great grandfather of others. (2 October 1845)

From the Protestant and Herald. Died, at the residence of Mrs. Myra Alexander, in Woodford county, Ky., on the 29th of May, 1844, Mrs. Agatha Madison MARSHALL, wife of Dr. Lewis Marshall, and mother of the Hon. Thomas F. Marshall, and numerous other children . . . remains were interred . . . at Buck Pond, Woodford county, the family seat, the home of her whole married life, which lasted more than forty-four years, and the last residence of her husband's father, Col. Thomas Marshall, the father of the late illustrious Chief Justice of the United States. She had gone on a short visit to the residence of Mrs. Alexander, (a daughter of the late Gov. Madison) who was her niece, and whom she had raised as her own daughter, after the premature death of her father . . . was born in Botetourt county, Va., on the 29th June 1780, and was the youngest of six children of Francis Smith and Anne Preston; her grandfather, John Preston, being the common ancestor of the Preston family of Va. and of . . . favored connexion . . . (Brown, Smith, Marshall, Breckenridge, Peyton, Payne, etc.) scattered over various states . . . On the 25th May, 1800, she intermarried with the distinguished gentleman who survives her, and by whom she had ten children, of whom six survive her . . . united . . . with the Presbyterian Church at Pisgah, in Woodford county, in . . . 1807 . . . her ancestors had been, from the earliest period, members of the same denomination;—her uncle, Rev. Mr. Brown, was, for near half a century, Pastor of the united congregations of Providence and Timber Ridge, in the county of Rockbridge, Va., and her grandfather, John Preston, was a Ruling Elder in the church at Tinkling Spring, in the county of Augusta . . . That great man, John P. Campbell, was her intimate friend, and she named a son after him . . . the late John Breckenridge . . . was her near kinsman. (8 August 1844)

Died, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, of consumption, Mr. Franklin MARSHALL, of this county, aged about 28 years. (21 August 1845)

Died, on Sunday morning last, Miss Matilda MARSHALL, daughter of Mr. George Marshall, of this county, about eighteen years of age. (21 November 1841)

Departed this life, after a short illness, on the 17th of June last, at his residence near Cahawba, in the State of Alabama, Col. Charles L. MATTHEWS, formerly of Augusta county. (6 July 1843)

Died, recently, Mrs. Nancy M'CHESNEY, wife of Zachariah M'Chesney, esq. of this county, and daughter of the late Maj. Wm. Bell . . . left a large family of children. (21 December 1843)

Died, on the 24th of September, Esther Ellen McCLUNG, daughter of Mr. James McClung, of this county, in the 18th year of her age . . . member of Bethel Church. (10 October 1844)

. . . James McClung and Sarah McClung his wife, of Augusta county, Va., have been thus bereaved. Died, on the 24th of September, 1844, Esther Ellen McClung, daughter of the above named parents, aged 18 years . . . above two years a member of the Presbyterian Church of Bethel, of which the Rev. Francis McFarland is Pastor . . . Died, May 15th, 1845, Mary Elizabeth McCLUNG, in the 19th year of her age, and the twin sister of Esther Ellen, and the only remaining daughter of these afflicted parents . . . had joined the Church . . . Died, October 25th, 1844, Phebe Amanda McCLUNG, aged 18 months . . . the youngest of the family . . . Died, January 3d, 1845, Sarah Isabella McCLUNG, in the 17th year of her age . . . the third daughter of the parents named above . . . had been nearly two years a member of the church. (26 June 1845)

Died, of Whooping Cough on the morning of the 5th inst., James P. (McCOMB), infant son of William and Julian McComb, aged 2 months and 8 days. (11 August 1842)

Died, on Saturday last, at the residence of her brother in Pocahontas county, Mrs. Hannah W. McCUE, wife of John McCue, esq. of this county . . . had gone to Pocahontas . . . to see a sick mother. (13 November 1845)

Died, on Monday morning last, at his residence at New Hope, in this county, Dr. George W. M'CULLOCH, leaving a wife and five children. He attempted to destroy himself a few days ago, in a fit of delirium tremens. (14 March 1844) . . . in the 34th year of his age. (21 March 1844)

Died, on Tuesday the 29th ult., Mr. James McCUNE, in the 63d year of his age—long a worthy citizen of Augusta county. (8 May 1845)

Departed this life, on Wednesday the 23d inst., Mrs. Isabella McDOWELL, wife of Jno. McDowell, esq. of Staunton, Va. Her disease was bilious pneumony, which in five days terminated her

earthly course in the 66th year of her age . . . (leaves) an aged husband. (30 January 1845)

Died, near Jennings's Gap, on the 8th inst., John A. (McGLAMRY) . . . youngest son of Mr. John McGlamry, aged 4 years, 5 months, and 5 days. (21 November 1844)

Departed this life on the 2nd inst. in Middlebrook, of Tubuchlar Consumption, Mr. William McGUFFIN, in the 31st year of age . . . left . . . his widowed companion and three small children. (19 September 1844)

Died, at Mt. Solon, on Tuesday the 3rd inst., of Flux, Miss Susan MERRIT, in the 19th year of her age. (3 August 1843)

Died, on the 12th of July, at the residence of her father in Saline county, Missouri, of inflammatory fever, Mrs. Elizabeth MILLER, wife of Mr. George Miller, and daughter of Hugh W. McDowell, esq., formerly of this county. (14 August 1845)

Died, on the 17th of August, at his residence near Jackson, Mississippi, the Hon. James C. MITCHELL, aged about 55 years . . . native of Augusta county, Virginia, but removed at an early age to Tennessee, where he spent the prime of his life, and where he served the people in many high offices—judicial, legislative and military . . . about ten years ago he removed to this State . . . devoting himself to practice of his profession and to the cultivation of the soil. Mi. Paper. (14 September 1843)

Died, on the 22nd ult. very suddenly, Dr. Hughart MONTGOMERY, of this county. (7 November 1844)

Died, on Saturday morning the 1st instant, Mary Margaret (MOWRY), Infant daughter of Mr. George Mowry. (13 April 1843)

Died, on Saturday last, Martha Virginia (NEWCOMB), daughter of Mr. John H. Newcomb, of this place, in the 3rd year of her age. (29 May 1845)

Died, on Friday last, after a long and painful illness, Miss Virginia NICHOLSON, aged 16 years, daughter of Mr. George Nicholson, of this town. (17 August 1843)

. . . William PALMER, a young man at the upper end of this county, was drowned one day last week, in McCormick mill dam. Augusta Democrat. (17 July 1845)

Died, on Saturday morning last, Mrs. Elizabeth PARENT, wife of Mr. Eli H. Parent, of this place. (25 December 1845)

The St. Louis papers announce the death of D. C. M. PARSONS, Esq. one of the Locofoco candidates for Congress in Mis-

souri . . . was formerly a resident of this county. (22 August 1844)

Died, on the 22nd inst., at his residence in this county, the Rev. George PATTERSON. (31 August 1843)

Died, on Sunday last, at the residence of her brother, Mr. J. F. Patterson, Miss Mary Jane PATTERSON, a young lady. (8 September 1842)

Died, on the 21st of August, at his residence near Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. David S. PECK, formerly of this place, in the 43d year of his age. (11 September 1845)

Departed this life, in Lexington, Missouri, on the 6th instant, Mary PETERS, consort of Mr. Isaac Peters, formerly of Virginia . . . born in Staunton, Augusta County, Va., December 20th, 1811 . . . joined the Methodist E. Church in 1821 . . . (leaves) husband and four children. (31 August 1843)

Died, on Sunday last, Mr. William PETERS, for many years a citizen of this town. His remains were interred on Monday, with military honors, by the Staunton Lt. Infantry, of which company he was one of the oldest acting members. (3 April 1845)

Died, on Sabbath evening last, Anna D. (PICKEREN), infant daughter of Mr. Daniel Pickeren, of this place. (28 August 1845)

Died, on Friday evening last, at his residence in this town, Mr. Daniel PICKEREN, aged about 30 years—leaving a wife and one child. (4 December 1845)

Died, on Monday last, in the 3rd year of her age Susan E. (PLATT), daughter of Mr. George Platt, of this place. (28 December 1843)

Died, on the 18th inst., Mrs. Jane POLMER, wife of Mr. David Polmer, of Augusta county, in the 29th year of her age. (30 October 1845)

. . . death of our venerable and venerated fellow-citizen, Gen. Robert PORTERFIELD—one of the few remaining Soldiers of the Revolution, and the oldest officer of his rank, perhaps, left in Virginia. He died at his residence in this county, on Monday evening last, a few minutes before six o'clock, in the 91st year of his age . . . entered war . . . we believe, as an Ensign, and came out of it with the rank of Captain—serving part of the time in the South, where he was taken prisoner, and afterwards in the North, under the immediate command of Gen. Washington . . . tour of duty as Brigadier General during the last war, and was an acting magistrate of the county for more than 50 years, during which he

twice held the office of High Sheriff. (16 February 1843) . . . one of the oldest men in the county of Augusta, in which he had resided for nearly 60 years . . . born in Frederick, in . . . 1752 . . . gentleman . . . patriot . . . parent . . . (member of) Presbyterian Church of Tinkling Spring. (23 March 1843)

Died, on Friday morning the 15th inst., Robert William (PORTERFIELD), infant son of Robert and Sarah Ann Porterfield, aged nine months and twenty-four days. (22 May 1845)

Died, in Staunton, on Friday the 28th of April, of scarlet fever, Edmund Harrison (POWERS), infant son of Pike Powers, esq. aged two years and thirty-nine days. (4 May 1843)

Died, on Sunday night last, of putrid sore throat, Lucy (POWERS), daughter of Pike Powers, esq. of this place—aged about four years. (16 May 1844)

Died, on Sunday last the 1st instant, at the residence of Widow Shoultz, Mr. Michael PUFFENBARGER, aged about 47 years. (5 September 1844)

Died, on Friday last, of scarlet fever, Elizabeth (RAMSEY), daughter of Mr. John Ramsey, of this vicinity, in the 5th year of her age. (15 May 1845)

Died, in this place on Tuesday evening last, Mr. Daniel RANKIN, leaving a helpless family of four children, two sons and two daughters, one of which is now lying not expected to live . . . (came) from Lafayette a short time since, to prosecute the business of rope-making . . . sick and destitute of means . . . At Lafayette he buried his wife and one child from whence he brought his remaining four children to Crawfordville, all sick . . . One of the smaller children died about three weeks since . . . was originally from the town of Staunton, Virginia, where his relatives reside. Crawfordville (Ia.) Review, Nov. 9. (30 November 1843)

Died, on Thursday last, Mrs. Rebecca REED, wife of Mr. Benjamin T. Reed, of this county—leaving . . . children, and a fond husband. (28 November 1844) . . . (was a) member of the Presbyterian Church. (12 December 1844)

Died, in this place on Sunday morning last, Harman Martin (RHODES), son of Mr. George T. Rhodes, aged about three years. (21 August 1845)

On the 11th inst. . . Mr. Michael ROOTES, for several years a worthy citizen of this county, aged about 55 years, leaving a wife and several children. Democrat. (27 February 1845)

Died, near Middle River, on the 1—th instant, Mrs. Ann SCOTT, consort of James Scott. (28 April 1842)

Died, at his residence near Middlebrook, in this county, on Wednesday the 17th ult., Mr. James SCOTT . . . left three small children, doubly orphaned, his wife having died within a year past. (1 February 1844)

Departed this life, on Tuesday the 24th of January last, Mrs. Jane SEAWRIGHT, the wife of John Seawright, Esq. of Augusta county, in the 64th year of her age leaving her bereaved husband and children . . . For a period of near forty years, she had been . . . wife, mother . . . consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. (9 February 1843)

Died, on Sunday last, Mrs. Anna SHANER, wife of Mr. George B. Shaner, near Waynesborough. (30 January 1845)

Died, suddenly, on Sunday morning last, Mr. Geo. SHEETS . . . of this county. (12 October 1843)

Died, near Mt. Solon, Augusta County, on the 23rd of May, 1844 . . . of putrid sore throat, Mrs. Martha SHEETS, wife of Mr. Peter Sheets . . . had just entered on the 29th year of her age . . . (leaves an) only son . . . of about three or four years old . . . A funeral sermon, in the German language, was preached by the aged and venerable Minister of the German Reformed Church, the Rev. John Brown . . . After which, there was a discourse in English by the Pastor of Mossy Creek Church. (6 June 1844)

Died, in Rockingham county, Va., on the morning of the 25th July, 1844 . . . Mrs. Lucy SHIPMAN . . . born and lived until after her marriage, on the Eastern side of the Blue Ridge . . . then resided in Middlebrook, in the Valley of Virginia, until the death of her husband . . . then (resided) in the county of Rockingham, under the care and protection of the brother of her husband, who, in many respects, was as a father both to her and her six children . . . lived a little more than 20 years as a widow . . . member of the Presbyterian Church. (15 August 1844)

Died, on the 12th instant, Mr. Michael SHIREY, of Jennings' Gap, aged, within a few months, 88 years . . . was a native of Pennsylvania; but has been a resident of Augusta County, Virginia, for upwards of fifty years. (3 February 1842)

Died, on the evening of the 27th ult., Eliza G. SHOWALTER, fourth daughter of David and Maria Showalter, of Mossy Creek—aged 2 years and 10 months. For the fifth time have these devoted parents been called to weep over the remains of their offspring, snatched from them in early infancy. (10 February 1842)



Died, on Friday morning last, Mrs. Jane SIMMERMAN, widow of Jacob Simmerman, aged about 83 years. (19 January 1843)

Died . . . on Monday evening last, Mrs. Fanny SINCLAIR, wife of Robert Sinclair, esq., of this town. (28 November 1844)

Died, on Friday last, Miss Elizabeth Jane SKEEN, of this place, aged about 18 years. (31 July 1845)

Died, on Thursday morning last, at his residence near this town . . . Mr. Silas H. SMITH, in the 56th year of his age—leaving a wife and three children . . . was for a number of years an efficient member of the Court of Directors of the Western Asylum . . . His remains were attended to the grave on Friday, by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member. (22 September 1842)

Departed this life, on Friday morning last, after a protracted confinement to a sick bed, John C. SOWERS, Esq. . . . (elder in) Presbyterian Church . . . April last, he was suddenly attacked with paralysis, which rendered him entirely helpless. (28 September 1843)

Died, in this place on Saturday evening last, Mr. Robert B. St. CLAIR, an aged and respectable citizen. (6 November 1845)

Died, on the 29th ult. at the residence of James Points, esq., in this place, Mrs. Ruth L. STEVENSON, mother of L. L. Stevenson, esq. (7 November 1844) From the Christian Advocate and Journal . . . the daughter of Pierce and Catharine Lamb and was born on Pipe Creek, Frederick county, Md., July 22d, 1761, being at the time of her death in her 81st year . . . was familiar with "Strawbridge's log meeting-house" . . . John Evans . . . was an uncle of Sister Stevenson . . . became a member of the M. E. Church on the 13th of November, 1785. (6 February 1845)

Died, in this place, on Saturday night last . . . in the 50th year of her age, Mrs. Eleanor (STOTER), wife of Mr. Henry Stoter. (30 May 1844)

Departed this life on the 9th inst., at his residence near Mt. Sidney, Augusta county, Va., after a painful and protracted illness, Mr. David STOVER, Sen. in the 65th year of his age . . . for 30 years . . . a member of the Lutheran Church . . . 20 years with the Rheumatism . . . retiring habits and secluded life. (23 March 1843)

Died, on the 24th inst., in this county, Mary Virginia (STRASBURG), infant daughter of Elias Strasburg, aged eight months and three days. (31 August 1843)

Died, on Wednesday morning last, Mr. Peter STRASINGER, baker at the Western Lunatic Asylum. (22 May 1845)

In Charlestown, Va., on Saturday morning last, was called into eternity . . . Mrs. Margaret STUART, wife of Dr. Chapman J. Stuart, and youngest daughter of Judge Baldwin of this place . . . left a devoted husband, an infant babe, a father and mother, sisters and brothers. (28 March 1844) . . . on . . . 23d of this month, Mrs. Margaret Eliza STUART . . . she had lived a little more than 20 years. Charlestown. (Va.) Free Press. (4 April 1844)

Died, on Saturday morning last, Martha B. (STUART), Second daughter of A. H. H. Stuart, esq. in the fifth year of her age. (6 February 1845)

Died, at W. L. Asylum, on Sunday evening last, Col. James TALLMAN, Clerk of the Circuit Superior Court of Pocahontas, aged about 23 years . . . had been brought to the asylum only three or four days before. (10 February 1842)

Died, on Monday morning the 4th instant, Mr. Geo. TEAFORD, aged 46 years—a respectable citizen of this county. (14 March 1844)

Died, on Saturday evening last, very suddenly, Mr. John TETER, sen., of this county, aged about 65 years . . . had been at the home of one of his sons in the evening . . . body not found until next day about one o'clock. (28 August 1845)

. . . the decease of the Hon. David TRIMBLE, of Kentucky, who departed this life on the 26th day of September last, aged about 60 years . . . Mr. Trimble was a native of Virginia, (we believe of Augusta County,) descended from English and Irish ancestors; was educated at William and Mary College, and, after graduating, studied law.—When but of age, he removed to and settled in Kentucky. In the War of 1812 . . . serving two campaigns with Gen. Harrison, and at . . . Fort Meigs . . . From the 4th of March, 1817, he was in Congress . . . till the 4th of March, 1827 . . . actively engaged in . . . agriculture and . . . iron manufacture. (3 November 1842)

Died, on the 27th July, in her 90th year, Mrs. Rebecca TRIMBLE, one of the most aged . . . inhabitants of this county, and a . . . member of the Presbyterian Church for more than half a century. (8 September 1842)

From the Athens (Tenn.) Republican. Departed this life on Monday the 25th ultimo, at thirty-five minutes after six o'clock, P.M., Col. Archibald R. TURK, of this county, aged fifty-one



years, five months and twenty-one days . . . native of Augusta county, Va.—emigrated from Virginia to the county of M'Minn in the year 1818, where he has resided ever since . . . was elected Colonel of the Militia in . . . 1820; at the first organization of the Militia in M'Minn county . . . appointed Justice of the Peace at the same time . . . appointed Trustee, was elected clerk of the county court . . . in . . . 1828 . . . left . . . wife. (18 January 1844)

Died, on Saturday last, in Staunton, Mrs. Sarah Mildred VALENTINE, in the 55th year of her age. (16 October 1845)

. . . sudden departure of Julia Ann VANFOSSEN, consort of Jacob Vanfossen, dec'd. on the 22nd ultimo, in the 26th year of her age . . . death of a beloved husband in April last . . . children (which are four in number and one at her breast). (27 July 1843)

Died, in Staunton, on Friday last, Henry Page (VEITCH) aged about twenty months, and on Sabbath morning, Elizabeth M. C. (VEITCH), aged about four years, infant children of the Rev. E. R. and Elizabeth M. Veitch. (3 August 1843)

Died, on Sunday, 9th inst., William Thomas (VEITCH), son of the Rev. E. R. and Elizabeth M. Veitch, aged 5 years and 11 months. (13 July 1843)

Died, at his residence in this County, at fifteen minutes past 1 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday March 23rd, James WALKER, in the 42nd year of his age . . . member of the Lutheran church. (31 March 1842)

. . . on (the 2nd inst.) . . . in (Middlebrook) . . . James William (WARWICK), infant son of Dr. B. G. and Mary Warwick of Hydrocephalus, aged one year, eight months, and twenty days. (19 September 1844)

Departed this life on the 27th April last, at his residence, in Edgar county, Illinois, William V. WATTS, in the 31st year of his age . . . native of Albemarle county, Va., but married in Augusta county, and about eight or nine years since removed to Edgar county. (23 May 1844)

Died, on Friday night last, Mrs. WEIFORD, wife of Mr. Anthony Weiford, of this place . . . member of the Protestant Episcopal Church . . . husband and a large family of children. (19 December 1844)

Died, in Staunton, on Saturday last, Sarah A. (WHISSEN), daughter of Mr. William Whissen, aged about five years. (22 September 1842)

Died, on the 27th of March last, in the 52d year, of his age, of paralysis, David WHITE, for many years an inhabitant of Greenville, in this County, leaving . . . widow and children. (28 April 1842)

Died, on the 3rd instant, at her residence about five miles west of Staunton, Va., Ann WILLIAMS, aged 75 years. (10 October 1844)

Died, of whooping cough, in Fishersville, on the 2nd inst., Charles White (WILLSON), infant son of Mr. G. W. Willson. (12 June 1845)

Died on the 29th ult., on Middle River, in this county, Eleanor WILLSON, aged 68 years . . . the only surviving sister of Matthew Willson, sr., with whom she resided . . . member of the Presbyterian Church of Bethel for nearly thirty years . . . afflicted with Palsy for two years or more. (22 May 1845)

Died, in this county, on the 26th ultimo, Ellen WILLSON, aged 79 years . . . emigrated from Ireland early in life and came to Augusta County, where with a sister, who yet lives . . . she dwelt . . . until her death. (4 September 1845)

Died, on Tuesday last, Henry C. (WILLSON) only son of Mr. Jameson T. Willson, of this town. (27 February 1845)

Died, on Wednesday morning, the 6th instant, of consumption, Mr. Jamison T. WILLSON, of this place, in the 24th year of his age . . . left a young widow. (14 August 1845)

Died, on Friday morning, April 29th, Mrs. Hannah WILSON, wife of Thomas P. Wilson, Esq. of Augusta County . . . About twelve years since, Mrs. Wilson became a member of Augusta Church. (12 May 1842)

Died, in this town, on Sunday night last, after a long illness, Mr. John WISE, sen. in the 73d year of his age . . . was a native of Maryland, and settled in Staunton about the year 1795—or soon after he received his discharge from Gen. Wayne's army, raised to subdue the Indians in the West . . . in the battle of the Maumee, which relieved the Northwestern territory of the presence of the Indians, as a Sergeant in Capt. Price's company . . . printer by profession, on coming here he established a newspaper, (perhaps the first in the place,) which he conducted for a number of years . . . became a contractor for carrying the U. S. Mail between Staunton and Lewisburg . . . for nearly a quarter of a century, and was the first man who established a line of stages on that route . . . remains were attended to the grave on Monday by the Masonic Fraternity,

the Staunton Lt. Infantry . . . religious services . . . performed in the Methodist E. Church (of which he was a member,) by its Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Veitch, assisted by the Rev. Mr. McElroy, as Chaplain of the Lodge . . . (leaves a) widow. (1 August 1844)

Died, on Sunday morning, the 30th day of November last, at the village of Mount Solon, in the county of Augusta . . . James WOODELL, leaving a widow and five children . . . was . . . a man of affliction . . . throughout his whole life of about 49 years. (18 December 1845)

Died, on Tuesday morning last, Mr. Stephen WOODS, long an inhabitant of this place. (19 December 1844)

Departed this life on the 27th inst., at his residence near Weyer's Cave, Daniel WUNDERLICH, one of the oldest men in Augusta . . . the aged partner of his joys and sorrows, survives . . . and a large number of descendants. (31 July 1845)

Died, on Saturday last, of consumption, Mrs. Mary YOUNG, daughter of William Young, Esq., of this county. (17 July 1845)

(to be continued)

Twenty-Second of a Series

## OLD HOMES OF AUGUSTA COUNTY

"LIMESTONE ACRES"

The Home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Wagner  
Route 753. East off Route 613 (Springhill Rd. Ext.)

By Gladys B. Clein

It is uncertain as to when John Francis first came to what is now western Augusta County. It was not until around 1780 that he started to build his permanent home among these gently rolling hills.

As most early settlers, he used what was at hand for its construction. Limestone outcroppings were on every side and the many tall oaks and pines in the woods nearby assured him of ample building material.

History does not substantiate the fact, but judging from many structural details—the dwelling's rectangular lines, the



The original facade of the house faced east, as shown in this old picture, circa late 1890s or early 1900s.



"Limestone Acres," 1979

room layout, chimneys on the inside walls and fireplaces cater-cornered—all hint that John Francis employed Hessian labor to either build or assist in the erection of his home. Many of the more substantial Valley settlers were glad to avail themselves of these artisans with their expertise in working with iron, wood and stone. These German mercenaries, employed by King George to subdue the American colonists, had been taken prisoner and later a number were brought to Charlottesville and Winchester. Many of these homesick Germans were only too glad of employment if for no other reason than the good square meals they were given in part payment.

The stone used in the dwelling was "dressed" smaller in dimension than the usual stone structure. The corner blocks, so carefully lined, still show the chisel marks of these early craftsmen of two centuries ago.

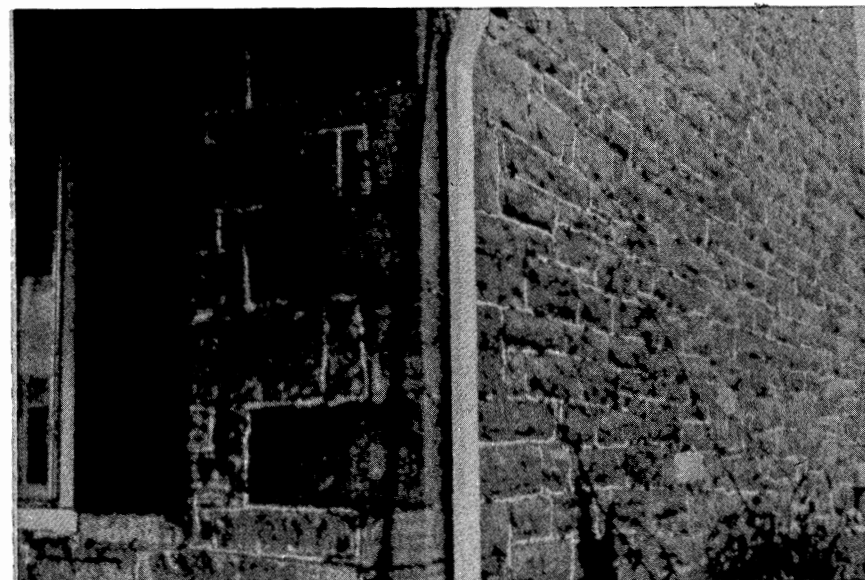
Presently a dwelling of nine rooms, a wing was added to the original many years ago, and one room has been made into two baths.

The 18-20 inch thick walls provide perfect insulation for the most extreme weather, be it hot or cold. The deep embrasured 18 paned windows are most original, their iridescent waviness

attesting to their age. Much of the random width pine flooring is also original. The doors are crusader in style, with harmonizing chair rail and ceiling molding. A graceful stair way, with broad landing, leads to the second floor and overall attic.

Pine panelling in the family room now covers the original plaster in which hog bristles, left over from butchering day, were used as the plaster's "binding."

John Francis did not live long to enjoy his new home. He died in 1786, a stone bearing the exact date is visible above the ceiling of the front porch. In 1829 his heirs, John Hogshead,



Detail of stone work of outside of house.

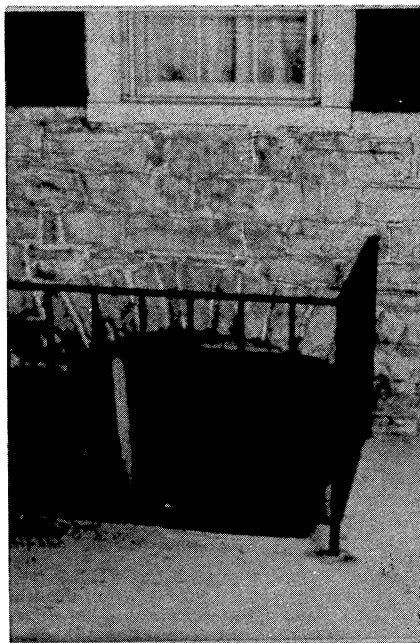
Sr. and his family, sold the property to Martin Coyner. Later the farm came into the possession of David Bell and his sons, John and James. It remained in the ownership of James Bell's heirs until 1884 when it was purchased by Samuel Driver. B. M. Huffman was the succeeding owner who disposed of it to William H. Hotinger. Following his death in 1924 his widow sold to W. F. Simmons, grandfather of the present owner, Mr. Wagner.

In 1974 Mr. and Mrs. Wagner embarked on extensive architectural changes on their home, which is also a modern dairy farm.

The original front entrance, which faced the east, was changed to a west frontage and tall columns added. In the process of these structural changes many souvenir relics of the Civil War came to light including parts of guns, buttons, coins, etc., indicating that skirmishes of more or less importance took place in the neighborhood.

After all it is only a few miles from the scene of one of the War's most brutal episodes.

\*It was the last year of the War. Food was less than scarce everywhere in the Shenandoah Valley that had been the battleground of the two armies for the past several years.



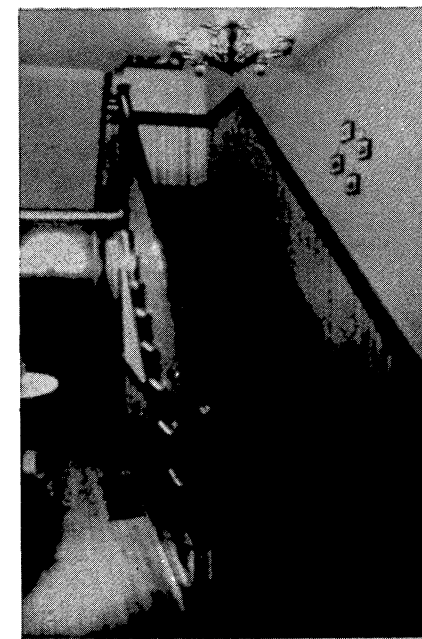
Arched entrance to cellar.

Davy Getz, a mentally retarded man of about thirty, whose home was in Woodstock, had gone into the nearby woods where he hoped to kill a squirrel or two. His fowling piece was only the broken parts of an old army pistol but in his child-like mind it was sufficient.

A troop of Federals, under General Custer, were on a foray up the Valley towards Staunton and making a short cut through

\*"Twenty-five Chapters on the Shenandoah Valley." J. W. Wayland.

Original stairway and rail.



the woods near Woodstock, came upon Getz. "Bushwhackers" had been active in the area and when the soldiers saw him assumed him to be one and took him to General Custer.

Known throughout the Valley campaign for his harsh and despotic military rule, Custer lost no time in letting the terror stricken Getz know his fate. He would be shot.

The town's most influential citizens, some of whom were Union sympathizers, went to Custer to intercede in Getz's behalf. But the General turned a deaf ear to their entreaties, in spite of the man's evident idiocy.

He ordered the unfortunate Getz tied behind a spring wagon and made to walk the forty miles to a hill near Bridgewater that would be the place of his execution.

From early morning the miserable man had trudged over the small stones of the Valley Pike, the hot September sun beating down relentlessly on his unprotected head.

As the detail reached the appointed place the sun was setting. In its last rays Getz was made to dig his own grave. He was then shot.

It is said the military detail ordered to carry out this barbarous order were so ashamed of their participation they

would never divulge the spot of Getz's burial place. To this day it is said to be unknown.

One Woodstock citizen who had implored the Union officer to rescind his order and was repulsed, told him, "Some day, General Custer, you will sleep in a bloody grave for this dastardly deed." And when the news of the Indian massacre on the Little Big Horn River, where every soldier, including General Custer, lost their life, many recalled the prophecy made a dozen years before.

But all this happened over a century ago. No longer does the spectre of war touch the Valley. Even most of its scars have been smoothed away by the passage of time.

But an unusual bit of the past remains at Limestone Acres in the numerous pencilled autographs on the stone walls. Protected from the elements by the original wood shutters, names, initials and dates of those having lived or been guests here over a century ago, are still plainly visible. But the prize signature of them all is the one found on the cellar wall, "I wore my first pair of shoes when we dug potatoes. 1924." Was it the pinch of pain or pride in his new foot gear that prompted some youngster to leave this message from the past?

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Edwin Robert Anderson, Jr.  
Dr. Marshall Moore Brice\*  
Miss Estelle Montgomery Crawford  
Mrs. Margaret C. Irvine  
Mrs. Anne Crathorn Loth\*  
Mr. Paul Clark Shirey\*  
Mrs. Mary Blackley Taylor\*  
Dr. Mildred Ellen Taylor

\*Charter Member

## New Members Since May 1, 1978

Mr. Robert E. Alley, Martinsburg, West Virginia  
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Mrs. Chase H. Benson, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Mrs. Kenneth E. Bland, Bel Air, Maryland  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Cook, Waynesboro, Virginia  
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Mrs. Howard M. Fitch, Louisville, Kentucky  
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Mr. and Mrs. R. John Griffin, Churchville, Virginia  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hamrick, Staunton, Virginia  
Dr. and Mrs. Hobart G. Hansen, Staunton, Virginia  
Mr. Dwayne Hawpe, Glendale, Arizona  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Archer Hobson, Jr., Staunton, Virginia  
Ms. Lelia Jo Hook, Staunton, Virginia  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kent, Waynesboro, Virginia  
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Mr. and Mrs. James L. Mustoe, Norman, Oklahoma  
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Schwartz, Staunton, Virginia  
Mrs. W. C. Smith, Waynesboro, Virginia  
United Virginia Bank, Staunton, Virginia  
Mrs. Virginia B. Welliver, Staunton, Virginia  
Miss Grace I. Showalter, Harrisonburg, Virginia